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LOCAL NEWSPAPER WEEK

TORIES ONE SHORT OF COUNCIL CONTROL

LAST week's local elections were a success for the Conservatives – their number of councillors increased from 11 to 23, but they fell one short of overall control of the Vale Council.

They took 23 of the available 47 Vale seats. The council stands at Conservatives 23, Labour 14, Llantwit First Independents 4, Plaid Cymru 4, and independents 2.

The Conservatives say the Biomass plant at Barry docks was a key issue raised on doorsteps. That may have been a factor in the loss of some Labour councillors.

As the largest party on the council, they have the opportunity of forming a new administration.

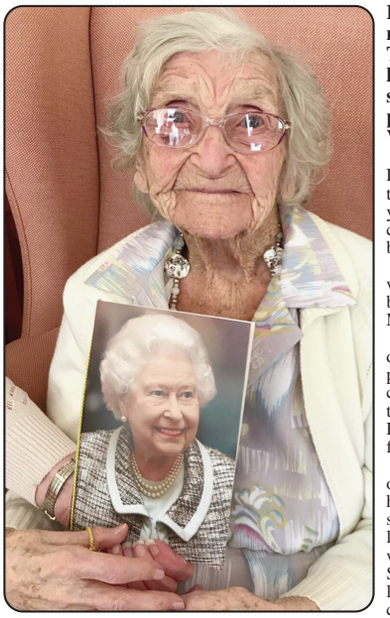
This week Conservative councillors were meeting to decide their strategy over the next few weeks.

They might decide to run a 'minority administration' in the hope that the other parties don't decide to 'gang up' on them. They might have informal agreements with one or more of the other groupings.

Alternatively, they could establish a formal coalition with another group in a similar way to Labour's partnership with Llantwit First Independents on the last Vale Council. Things should become clearer within the next week.

For more on local election night, turn to page 9.

105th birthday celebrations for Llysworney lady



Edith Williams, who recently celebrated her 105th birthday.

FOXTROY residential home in Tondu recently hosted a very special birthday party for a former Vale resident.

Edith Williams of Llysworney has lived at the home for the past year and is now celebrating her 105th birthday.

From now on, she will receive a yearly birthday card from Her Majesty the Queen.

Edith was also delighted to receive a personally delivered card from Alun Cairns, the Conservative Parliamentary candidate for the Vale.

As the elderly lady of the 'manor', Edith has continued in the same vein as when she lived in Llysworney with her granddaughter Sara Booth and son-in-law Paul and their four children, Harriet, Florence, Millie and Amos.

Her determined character and insistence on ruling the roost will probably stand her in good stead for a few more years yet, say staff at Foxtroy.

Born in 1912, the month after the Titanic sank, Edith has seen an astonishing change in the whole of our society including two world wars.

She grew up in St Athan and St Mary Church, attended local schools and talks fondly of the many bike rides that she used to take around the Vale.

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GWEN PICKS UP HER GONG!

Councillor Gwen Baty recently received her British Empire Medal. Read the full story on page 3.

Man (64) in court after assault

POLICE investigating an assault at Treoes Community Centre on Saturday, May 6, have charged a 64-year-old man.

Officers were called to the scene of the incident at approximately 10.20pm. A local man was taken to hospital with serious injuries and has since been discharged.

Michael Phillip Escott, who is local to the area, appeared at Cardiff Magistrates' Court on Monday, May 8, charged with wounding with intent. He was remanded in custody, to appear in Cardiff Crown Court on June 5.

Anyone who witnessed the incident but has not yet spoken to officers, is urged to contact 101, quoting reference 1700172802.

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Unfair beach hut 'lottery'

WE completely agree with your readers FK and AJ Tancock.

We too have been trying to book a beach hut for months.

First we were told they were going to have a meeting to decide when the huts would be available, and each time we phoned (which was weekly), we were told they still hadn't had the meeting; then we were told they were going to allow people who hired them last year to have first chance, which we said was very unfair, as like us there would be people who had been trying to book last year as we did as soon as it was advertised, but strangely, they were all taken on the first day.

In our last conversation we were told there would be a draw.

Therefore we were not surprised to receive a letter this week saying we were unlucky.

Let's hope they have a fairer system in place by 2018.

At least they have plenty of time to think about it.

P and C Harris, Sully.

'Stronger Knowing More' raises awareness of prostate cancer risk in black men

A FEW weeks ago I turned 57, placing me firmly in two risk categories for prostate cancer.

I've recently starting working with Prostate Cancer UK and I've come to learn that as a black man over 50, my risk of the disease is double that of a white man the same age. One in four black men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime, compared with one in eight white men.

Despite the shocking odds, I find it more concerning that just saying the word 'prostate' within many black communities remains such a massive taboo subject. The disease is simply not spoken about, and if it is, it's in a 'hush hush, don't tell anyone' type of way. How can it be that something that affects so many black fathers, uncles, sons, and friends is continually swept under the carpet and ignored?

My physical and mental health has always been important to me. When I was in the prime of my career, it was the most important thing.

However, as I've grown older I've come to realise that no matter how well I eat, or how fit I am, I am not indestructible – nobody is. But there are defence measures I can take and arming myself with knowledge is by far the most important.

That's why I'm supporting Prostate Cancer UK's 'Stronger Knowing More' campaign and I'm urging all your black readers to do the same. Understand your risk of prostate cancer and act on it. This challenge is a marathon, not a sprint and if we're going to beat it, the whole black community needs to start breaking down the taboos and start talking.

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A reader's disgust at 'smear campaign'

I AM writing to voice my disgust at the content of some electioneering leaflets that popped through doors prior to the local council elections on May 4.

Political candidates wishing to be elected should concentrate on what they are going to do for residents if they get elected.

That is what they are canvassing for and all that residents are interested in.

There is no place for a vindictive smear campaign to discredit their competitors, as was the case in Highlight Park.

Whoever designed and delivered these leaflets shot themselves in the foot and I believe the leaflets were viewed with disdain by the majority of residents, leading to Labour losing their seat in Dyfan Ward.

Congratulations go to Vincent Bailey and Leighton Rowlands for their success in being elected in the face of such adversity; also for their circumspect approach to their literature and canvassing because they were not being drawn into a 'tit for tat' style of campaigning.

They stuck to describing their proposed actions to help residents if they were elected.

A Flinn, Barry.

'AM I THE ONLY ONE REPORTING FLY-TIPPING?'

AS a resident of Barry for over 20 years, I have seen many changes happen in the Park Crescent area of Barry.

The one thing I've alway been proud of is how clean and tidy Park Crescent is. That, I know, is due to Mike our street cleaner, who does a wonderful job.

The thing that continues to annoy me time and time again is the continual fly tipping.

The worst areas are through all the lanes off Park Crescent, Bell Street and Glamorgan Street being among the worst.

It makes me ashamed, to be honest, and very disappointed.

I can remember when they were on about introducing the lane gates here as in the rest of Barry. Most people wanted the gates put across the entrance to the lanes. That didn't happen because of people objecting as they use the lanes as a short cut.

Several years on, now look at where we find ourselves – continual daily and weekly flytipping – furniture, black bags, mattresses and a child's rusty bike are all items recently dumped, and some are still there.

People are also putting piles of dog waste bags there,

All I can say is that some people are too lazy to break down their furniture and take it to a skip.

I am constantly reporting the fly tipping. The council do a wonderful job of cleaning the lanes, but to be honest, I'm fed up.

Am I the only one who contacts the council? It seems like it to me.

If you love this area as I do, we as a community should do all that we can to try and catch these fly tippers, and we could do this if we had cameras in the lanes; then fines could be imposed.

Let's keep Barry tidy. Keep your own rubbish in your bins until bin day and recycling days. Take your animal waste home with you or if you pass a bin, put the bag in there.

Barry is a beautiful place, but I feel I'm living in a rubbish dump with all this flytipping. These things happen but you never see it being dumped.

G Piper, Barry.

'No faith in incinerator reassurances'

I AM, like the rest of the largest town in the Vale, bemused by this biomass incinerator that is being erected at Barry Dock without permission for a licence.

It would seem obvious this was a foregone conclusion from the start.

The [recently re-elected and former] Vale leader, Neil Moore, has stated in a press article: "The bottom ash will be recycled into building material and go towards our targets.'

This makes the project desirable from the point of view of the council and on the plus side of the energy it will create, it seems the Welsh Government wants this.

The recent article from the company is trying to 'ease concerns'. It states the facility would be continuous, yet the licence is for a stop, start facility which, in effect, would cause more pollution due to the content of emissions leaving the combustion chamber.

It states the plant has an exhaustive fire prevention strategy and yet the fire service are reportedly said to have concerns regarding accessing the plant in this event.

The power consulting representative says feedstock will be sourced from a national company and a Cardiff-based contractor.

NRU say all wood is to be non-hazardous, shredded wood and prepared to site. The people of Barry have to believe in 100 per cent reliability through the chain; ie, no contamination or complacency.

There is no such thing and so this leaves the process open to flaws and the health of approximately 51,000 residents compromised for years to come.

How can they base their facts on a facility that hasn't undergone the necessary assessments and put in an area that is detrimental to the town? I am pleased a meeting was held to secure funding for an expert, I hope it won't be in vain.

Yet I'm sure of one thing: regeneration will continue regardless and this incinerator may well set a precedent if it succeeds.

T Abery, Barry.

Parkland issue needs addressing

I RECENTLY went to the cemetery in Barry, and saw that the council is building a new dual carriageway to the cemetery and also creating more parkland area on each side of the road.

Would this land have been put to better use creating new housing or disabled properties, which the council are so short of and in an area of relatively flat surroundings?

Also, there is a huge park and massive playing field just around the corner from this road (Buttrils Fields).

I am sure a new single carriageway road would have been sufficient to approach the cemetery and service local housing needs, providing more area to build housing. This area is also close to regular public transport.

I live in the Cook Road/ Francis Road area of Barry where the council has crammed three bungalows for families with a disabled person on our only bit of green space on the estate. Originally, this land had planning for two bungalows which were never built due to cost, as it was steeply sloping.

It is not the fact the bungalows are being built on the land, but the fact that this area is not exactly blessed with decent public transport. Also, there is a very steep incline into Cook Road which I am sure will be a problem to a disabled person – or a person pushing a disabled person in a wheelchair.

The park off Skomer Road, known locally as Columbus Park, was recently dug up to re-route the stream running through it, which frequently flooded. This park area has been left deeply rutted with unsightly mounds of earth at one end. It is only a matter of time before it gets used for fly tipping. The once-green grassy area is an eyesore.

I wrote an email some two months ago to the council asking what was happening about this parkland, to which I have received no reply, despite receiving notification of my original email being forwarded to the relevant department.

It seems it is one rule for some and one rule for others. Do we not have sufficient representation in our area?

Mr A Wright, Barry.

Voting blind

WAS it only me whose first acquaintance with most of the candidates in the recent elections was when I read their names on the ballot paper?

Only two parties sent me any information. Did the others hope that I would vote for them when I did not know even their names, let alone their objectives?

R Bradshaw, Cowbridge.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MAY 18)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
11 Thur	07.37	9.6	19.58	9.5
12 Fri	08.14	9.5	20.30	9.4
13 Sat	08.46	9.3	20.58	9.3
14 Sun	09.17	9.1	21.32	9.1
15 Mon	09.47	9.0	22.07	8.8
16 Tues	10.21	8.7	22.41	8.5
17 Wed	11.01	8.3	23.25	8.1
18 Thur	11.47	7.9		

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BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL FOR GWEN BATY

Coun Gwen Baty (centre), Vice Lord Lieutenant Sir Brooke Boothby and the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Coun Monica Walsh (left).

ON April 25, Coun Gwen Baty received her British Empire Medal from Vice Lord Lieutenant, Sir Brooke Boothby, at the Mansion House in Cardiff in the presence of the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Coun Monica Walsh.

Coun Baty was accompanied by members of her family.

The British Empire Medal was awarded to Coun Baty by Her Majesty the Queen in the New Year Honours List 2017, in recognition of her voluntary services to the community of Cowbridge and Llanblethian. The nomination made particular reference to her work over the years with young people and the elderly.

Coun Baty has served on the Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council for more than 20 years, as Mayor on three separate occasions.

In June, Coun Baty will be attending a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and will be accompanied by her son, Geraint.

Edith's birthday joy

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After she was married, she spent many years in the Llanmaes area and was well integrated into the farming community there.

She still tells many stories of feeding children in the village during the war years, escaped prisoners of war and the many air raids that took place, mainly focused on Cardiff and Swansea and also the RAF camp.

Edith was widowed more than 50 years ago, but still has her daughter, Margaret Cooper, living in Cowbridge and son, John Williams, in Rhoose.

She moved in with her grand-daughter in Llysworney 16 years ago at the age of 88, after tripping over the lawnmower lead and breaking her hip.

However, this did not hold her back and she led a very active life in Llysworney; gardening, cooking and securing apples and flowers from neighbours gardens. She is remembered by many in the village fondly and has received many greetings on this wonderful achievement.

Five years ago, she celebrated her 100th birthday in style in a marquee in her grand-daughter's garden with over 200 friends and family. This year's birthday was somewhat quieter. However, the gift list was similar – whiskey and sherry!

To this day, she has a glass of whiskey to go to bed and from time to time sherry with her lunch.

FaceTime greetings were received from family around the world including Toronto, Jersey and Borneo.

We wish her continued health and happiness at Foxtroy and continue to pray for patience for the wonderful staff at Foxtroy!

AB

New cafe unlocks jar full of memories!

"I DIDN'T know somewhere like this existed."

"It's so nice to just come here and relax."

"It's good to be with people who understand."

These heartfelt comments of customers at the second session of the Memory Jar Café are a testimony to the growing effectiveness of this new Cowbridge venture, reports Madeleine Phillips.

The success of the first meeting of the café on April 6 (as reported in The GEM) meant that the May session had to be moved to the Clinton Room of the United Free Church.

Music and memorabilia reminded those present of past times, and stimulated happy memories, as well as discussion of events individuals had lived through and wanted to share.

Throughout the afternoon, the willing band of volunteers worked happily to provide a good supply of tea and cake.

The helpers were aided also by representatives of Rotary and the Town Council in preparing the room and supervising car parking and access for visitors.

All present were warmed to hear of the generous donation from Waitrose, following the superb level of support from the community in donating their shopping tokens! Thank you, Cowbridge!

Even more offers of help would be welcomed to ensure the continuation of this facility.

Since all the evidence is that a significant number of people in the town and surrounding areas would benefit from the support offered by the Memory Jar, the decision has already been taken that future sessions will need even more space. In order to make this possible, it is necessary to move from Thursday to Tuesday afternoons.

From June 6, the Memory Jar Café will meet on the first Tuesday of each month (and not on Thursdays) in the Maendy Room at the United Free Church.

It will provide space for more customers and a wider range of activities, for the benefit of all who suffer from mild to moderate Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia and their carers.

Contact Madeline Phillips on 01446 621838.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Successful coffee morning

A BIG thank you to everyone who contributed to the successful coffee morning which took place at St Canna's, Llangan, on May 6.

There were raffle prizes to be won, mouthwatering cakes and a variety of plants to buy.

Saron Chapel, Treoes

DUE to a last minute cancellation of the official clergy on Sunday, May 7, it was decided to continue with the booked service so the regular attendants would not be disappointed.

There were smiles all around when it was announced that much-needed work on the chapel roof will begin very soon, and other essential work will also be carried out.

Concerts and fashion for choir

THE Cowbridge Male Voice Choir are busy working towards their annual concert on July 22 at Cowbridge Leisure Centre.

Recently the choir entertained members of the Llantwit Major Dementia Café Group at their high tea.

The choir sang an eclectic selection of songs which was well received ,with many of the members joining in. A good time was had by all.

The choir's next local engagement will be a concert with Romsey Male Voice Choir on May 13, at All Hallows' Church, Miskin. The concert will start at 7.45pm and tickets cost £8. The concert is in aid of Velindre Cancer Centre.

The choir are also holding a fashion show on May 18 at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge starting at 7.30pm; tickets are £7.50 including a glass of wine.

A selection fashions will be provided by Samantha B of Ewenny.

Tickets for both these evening are available at Barnes Dry Cleaners, Cowbridge or from any choir member. Tickets for the fashion show are also available from Samantha B.

The choir has been invited by Romsey Male Voice Choir to sing at Romsey Abbey on July 22 in a concert entitled 'Men and Magnificent Music'; this is a massed choir concert also featuring Swindon Hart and Rushmoor and Romsey choirs. **FM**

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Mayor's year in office is almost complete but there's still time for a charity dinner

ABOVE: The Mayor of Llantwit Major, Coun Sally Hanks and her consort, Mr William Hanks.

THE final two months of my year of office have been very busy and in addition to my duties of chairing the town council, I have also attended a number of events representing the town.

The Cowbridge Gateway Monday Club for young people with learning disabilities held its annual dinner at The Bear Hotel, where we all enjoyed an evening of dining followed by some energetic dancing.

The evening was organised and hosted by the young members of the club, supported by their helpers.

The Beavers visited the town hall and museum and I presented a number of young people with badges and awards.

I visited Atlantic College in St Donats on two occasions. Once as a guest at a musical evening, where students of many nationalities entertained us with song and dance from their own particular cultures.

At a later date I attended the opening of their impressive new Moondance sports hall.

It was a great pleasure to attend the rugby tournament organised by Cowbridge Rugby Club, and an even greater pleasure to be able to present the winning trophy to one of the Cowbridge teams who won their age group.

This was the first time such a tournament has been held in Cowbridge, and credit must go to the organisers who brought together so many young rugby players from as far away as Haverfordwest, Builth Wells and Caldicot.

I attended a performance of Handel's *Messiah* given by the St Donats Chorale in Llantwit Major.

One of my final duties was to perform the opening of the May Fair held on the Bear Field, alongside the president of the Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club.

For this occasion we were ably supported by our town crier, Mr John Wilks, in his traditional costume.

What a loud voice he has!

The May Fair is organised by the Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club and they must have been delighted at the turnout of stallholders and visitors on the day. I know that this event takes a lot of organising and hard work.

To bring my year to a conclusion, I held a charity dinner at The Bear Hotel in support of my chosen charity, The Forget-Me-Not Chorus.

This charity supports people with dementia and their carers, through the joy of singing.

I have held a number of other fundraising events during my year of office, including coffee mornings and an opera evening. As a result of these events, together with donations and match funding from The Waterloo Foundation, I am delighted that this small local charity will have benefited by over £9,500.

I would like to thank all those who have supported my events (or in other ways donated) for their generosity, without which this sum could not have been achieved.

During my period as Mayor I have, in partnership with Cowbridge Rotary Club and their president Steven Blackman and with the support of the town council, begun the process of raising the awareness of the issues experienced by people with dementia.

A steering committee has been formed with the aim of making Cowbridge a 'dementia-friendly community'. I hope that this initiative will win the support of everyone in the town.

Finally, I wish the incoming Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian Council, and her consort, a successful and fulfilling year.

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At the Mayor's final coffee morning, Coun Elizabeth George presented her regular helpers, Annie Grujic (left) and Sue Dibben, with bouquets.

BELOW: The Mayor with the Vale Mayor and the Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, Mrs Morfudd Meredith.

The Deputy Mayor of Porthcawl (left) Coun Lorrie Desmond Williams, accompanied by a friend, Mr Don Sutton.

The Mayor of the Vale, Coun Stuart Egan and his Consort, Coun Nigel Gibbs.

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Big smiles from Ollie

The three-year-old Bridgend boy who survived a stroke

OLLIE SHEARAN was only three when he had a devastating stroke.

Three years later, the cheeky six-year-old is making remarkable progress and is inspiring his friends and family to raise money and awareness by taking part in 'Step Out for Stroke'.

Ollie was happily playing at his friend's house in Maesteg, Bridgend, when he collapsed: "I thought he'd just hurt himself," recalled his mum Nicola.

"His head was down and I thought he was just a bit embarrassed, but when I lifted it up, his face was distorted and I could see something was seriously wrong."

The toddler was airlifted to the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff and placed in an induced coma while doctors performed brain scans.

His parents were told he might not make it through the night, but against the odds, Ollie was brought out of his coma and spent the next few months in the care of stroke specialists.

"After the stroke he was like a newborn baby again," said the mum of three.

"But he began holding his head up on his own and steadily learned to eat and talk. It was really special when he was able to say 'Mam' again."

Since leaving hospital, Ollie has continued to make a great recovery.

"He's now running about, he's talking, but it's not 100 per cent. He has epilepsy and will need to take aspirin for the rest of his life, but he's now a healthy little boy."

Doctors have never discovered what caused the blood clot which led to Ollie's stroke, but it is thought he'd had a stroke before.

Ollie Shearan with mum Nicola.

There are more than 400 childhood strokes a year in the UK and it is believed that a lot more children are having strokes than are actually being diagnosed.

Nicola is trying to raise awareness of stroke in young people and has helped organise events at Ollie's school, Caerau Primary, including an annual fundraiser to help teachers, students and parents understand more about stroke in children and adults.

In May 2016, Ollie, Nicola and their family took part in the Bridgend Step Out for Stroke event.

"We walked the whole route and Ollie made it about three quarters of the way and finished on my shoulders," said Nicola.

"It was incredible seeing how much support we had – seeing all our friends, family and people from Ollie's school was quite overwhelming. Ollie took it all in his stride, like he does. Between the three children, there was a lot of excitement to be there.

"It struck me how many people are affected by stroke near where we live and have been in our situation. By the end of the event, I was really emotional. I saw hope in everyone there – all were survivors themselves or had loved ones who had had a stroke."

"I'm really looking forward to being a part of it again this year. I feel 2017 will be bigger and better. More of our family want to join, as well as the friends who came in 2016. It was a wonderful event to bring everyone together."

Regional fundraiser for Wales with the Stroke Association Alan Drury said: "Just like Ollie and his family, you can show your support too by taking part in a Step Out for Stroke walk near you this May.

"We have more than 50 events planned across the UK with seven great walks taking place in Wales and our walks are open to everyone, regardless of age or ability."

To find your nearest Step out for Stroke event and to register, visit www.stroke.org.uk/stepout or email stepout@stroke.org.uk

Shepherd increases flock

Parishioners and their animals flocked to the service.

ON Sunday, May 7 St Michael's Church, Colwinston held its fifth 'Bring Your Pets to Church' service.

Reverend Alan Kettle took the service which was held in the churchyard, assisted by his wife Kathy on the guitar.

Sue Jones from Brocastle Farm, along with her grandchildren Morgan and Nerys, brought two sheep and a young lamb and there were six dogs with their respective owners.

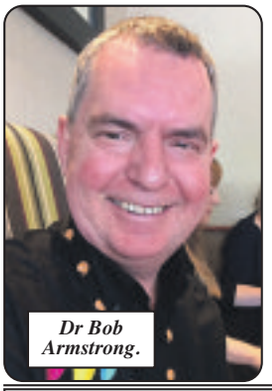
Cowbridge Lift Group hold meeting

THE Lift Group offers friendship and support to those affected by breast cancer. We meet in Cowbridge once a fortnight, either between 10am and 1pm for relaxation therapies or 2pm to 4pm for other activities such as speakers or trips out.

A spokesperson said: "Come and join us, bring a friend, for friendly, supportive and confidential get-togethers.

"If you know anyone who might benefit from this group, call Anne on 01446 772843. We look forward to seeing you."

High Street's 'Doctor Bob' proves to be the man for an emergency!



Dr Bob Armstrong.

BOB ARMSTRONG, well known in Barry High Street as Doctor Bob of Doctor Bob's Balloons Unlimited, has been praised for his rapid response when a woman had a serious fall outside his shop.

In fact, when the ambulance crew arrived, they had a good chuckle when they found out it was 'Doctor Bob' of Bob's Balloons who had tended the victim of the fall!

A Barry resident, Angela Magee, told The GEM Bob had been like a real doctor.

Angela said: "I was at Doctor Bob's Balloons in High Street, Barry, about to buy balloons for my daughter's birthday, when a poor woman fell hard outside. She hit the pavement head first and wasn't moving.

by GEM REPORTER

"Bob was terrific! He is first aid trained and knows his stuff.

"He was down on the pavement with her throughout the ordeal, comforting her and supporting her, and talking to her, along with a community police officer and another member of the public."

What really impressed Angela was that Bob wasn't even concerned about his shop.

She said: "He left his shop in the hands of strangers and didn't think twice about rushing out to help.

"Bob is a lovely guy and a real pillar of the local community."

Fortunately, the woman who fell has recovered and even gone back to High Street with her husband to personally thank Bob.

Bob, a former chairman of High Street traders, said: "The lady came back three days later to thank me, Alice the PCSO, and a young motorcyclist who helped.

"She was looking frail and her face was bruised and swollen. She was very grateful for our assistance.

"At the time, an ambulance crew of three arrived and they were laughing when they heard I was 'Doctor Bob'!

ABOVE: Lexi and Steve Richmond at the London Marathon.

It's a family affair at the London Marathon

BRIDGEND business owner Steve Richmond of Steve Richmond Carpets and his daughter, student and singer Lexi Richmond ran the London Marathon on April 23 to raise money for MQ, a newly-formed mental health charity.

The father and daughter stuck with each other around the course of the 26.2 miles and completed the marathon in six hours and 20 minutes, meeting some famous faces such as Paula Radcliffe and Ian Beale, while they were there!

Lexi and Steve's target was to raise £5,000, which they have since hit. However, they are aiming to now raise as much money as possible for the amazing cause in a hope of transforming mental health.

MQ claims to be the first major charity funding scientific research to transform the lives of everyone affected by mental illness.

It aims to uncover breakthrough findings and illuminate people's understanding of mental health.

For more information on Lexi and Steve's journey, visit their Facebook page 'Lexi and Steve's London Marathon'.

Anyone wishing to sponsor them can contact them at *steve@steverichmond.co.uk* for more details on how to donate to a fantastic cause.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

(LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS LLANFLEIDDAN Rhif 51) (CAU DROS DRO) 2017

Ar 11 Mai 2017, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) Orchymyn a fydd yn gorfodi'r hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod:

Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 15 Mai 2017 ac fe'i gelwir yn "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg Llwybr Cyhoeddus Llanfleiddan Rhif 51 (Cau Dros Dro) 2017.

Os ydych am gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'r darpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r pwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail na cydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos o 11 Mai 2017, wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y diben hwn.

ATODLEN 1

1. Ni chaiff unrhyw un gerdded yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad	Bydd Llwybr Cyhoeddus (Hawliau Tramwy Cyhoeddus) a elwir Llanfleiddan Rhif 51 ar gau o'r pwynt lle mae'r llwybr hwn yn cwrdd â Llantwit Major Road, y Bont-faen ar grid 298419 174557, gan barhau i'r gogledd-orllewin at lle mae'r llwybr troed hwn yn cwrdd â'r Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus a elwir Llanfleiddan Rhif 50, ar grid 298248 174735.
Llwybr Arall	Yn ystod y cyfnod hwn pan fydd y llwybr ar gau, bydd gwyriad trwy lwybr troed dros dro i'r gorllewin o Lwybr Troed Llanfleiddan Rhif 51 ar gael.
Rheswm	Atal perygl i gerddwyr tra bo gwaith cloddio'n digwydd.
Hyd	O 00.01 ar 15 Mai 2017 am chwe mis.

Dyddiedig 11 Mai 2017

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(LLANBLETHIAN PUBLIC FOOTPATH No 51) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2017

On the 11th May 2017 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

The Order shall come into force on 15th May 2017 and will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council Llanblethian Public Footpath No 51 (Temporary Closure) Order 2017.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 11th May 2017 apply to the High Court for this purpose

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall proceed on foot in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location	Footpath (Public Rights of Way) known as Llanblethian Number 51 closed from the point from where this path meets the Llantwit Major Road, Cowbridge at grid 298419 174557, and continuing in a north westerly direction to where this footway meets the Public Right of Way known as Llanblethian No 50, at grid 298248 174735.
Alt. Route	During this closure a diversion via a temporary footpath to the west of Footpath Llanblethian No 51 will be available.
Reason	To prevent danger to pedestrians while excavation work is carried out.
Duration	From 00.01 on 15th May 2017 for a maximum period of six months.

Dated this 11th day of May 2017

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

(GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO) (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 5) 2017

1. Rhoddir rhybudd bod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau dan adrannau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV Adran 9 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill yn cynnig gwneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn diwygio'r mannau parcio yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn yr Atodlen isod.

2. Mae modd gweld manylion llawn y cynigion hyn yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau gwaith arferol a rhaid cyflwyno unrhyw wrthwynebiadau a allai fod gennych i'r cynnig hwn i Gyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai (Ref.IF827) yn ysgrifenedig erbyn 2 Mehefin 2017 a rhaid cynnwys eich rhesymau dros wrthwynebu.

3. Hysbysir pobl sy'n gwrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig fod cyfrifoldeb cyfreithiol ar y Cyngor hwn, yn sgil Deddf Llywodraeth Leol (Mynediad at Wybodaeth) 1985, i gyflwyno unrhyw sylwadau a dderbynnir yn ymateb i'r Gorchymyn a gynigir yn agored i'w harchwilio gan y cyhoedd.

Bydd y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig yn cael ei ddiwygio fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn (Gorfodi Sifil) Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio 2013

ATODLEN

Cynnig Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg

Penlan Road Llandochau – Map AH61

O'r gyffordd â Heol Corbett, tua'r gogledd am tua 45 metr, yn agos at y marciau safle bws newydd eu hail-leoli.

O bwynt tua 64 metr o'r gyffordd â Heol Corbett, yn agos at ben gogleddol y marciau safle bws newydd uchod tua'r gogledd am tua 10 metr

O bwynt tua 112 metr tua'r gogledd o'r gyffordd â Heol Corbett, yn agos at ben y cyfyngiad NWAAT cyfredol tua'r de am tua 10 metr.

Dyddiedig 11 Mai 2017

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 5) ORDER 2017

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the general effect of which is to amend the parking places at the locations specified in the Schedule below.

2. Full details of the proposals, may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Environment & Housing (Ref.IF827) in writing by 2nd June 2017 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time

Penlan Road Llandough – Map AH61

From its junction with Corbett Road, in a northern direction for approximately 45metres, contiguous with the newly repositioned bus stop bay marking.

From a point approximately 64m from its junction with Corbett Road, contiguous with the northern end of the above new bus stop bay marking, in a northerly direction for approximately 10metres

From a point approximately 112m north of its junction with Corbett Road, contiguous with the end of the existing NWAAT restriction to be continued in a southerly direction for approximately 10metres.

Dated this 11th day of May 2017

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

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Cowbridge combines two Spanish festivals to give its May Fayre a continental touch!

AS The GEM reported last week, The May Fayre at Cowbridge, organised by the local Lions Club, was a great success.

Also pleased with the day were members of the Cowbridge Chamber of Trade, who launched a new attraction – a version of the Pamplona 'Bull Run'.

Locals were encouraged to don their own horns for the run, and children were encouraged to borrow from another Spanish festival and throw tomatoes at the contestants.

Speaking on behalf of the chamber of trade, Kate Thomas told The GEM: "The La Tomatino tomato throwing section in particular proved to be exceptionally popular.

"Being a rural animal-friendly market town of course, no animals were hurt and instead people dressed as cows and bulls to race around an obstacle course.

"Well done to all those who took part, and congratulations to James Gilvear who came first and took home a prize of £100.

"Second prize of £50 went to Ross Marshall and third prize of £25 went to Matthew Gilvear.

"Best costume and £25 went to Michael Wilks.

"Thank you to Glamorgan Pony Club for the loan of their jumps, and to Peter John of Arthur John and John Andrew of the Cowbridge and Llantwit Lions for their help."

...And they're off in the bull run.

PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

OTHER PICTURES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THIS EVENT.

Pictures can be purchased by contacting:

E-Mail: ffotoimage@tiscali.co.uk
Telephone 07791 228684
www.ffotoimage.co.uk

There were tug of war contests throughout the day.

ABOVE: 'AN Udder' competed in the bull run.

ABOVE: Prize giving after the bull run.

ABOVE: Avoiding the tomatoes during the bull run.

Vale farmers 'still waiting' for 2016 EU subsidy payments

SOME farmers in the Vale are among those still waiting to receive subsidy payments from the European Union, says Andrew R T Davies.

The Welsh Conservatives' leader, a partner in a farming business in the Vale, asked at the National Assembly for information on how the basic payments scheme (BPS) run under the EU's Common Agricultural Policy is delivered in Wales.

Mr Davies said there have been huge concerns about delayed payments, not just in the Vale but across Wales.

He said: "Payments have been delayed because of the checks and inspections regime that is undertaken and the inability of the department to keep farmers in the loop as to how their claims are progressing."

Mr Davies said he has constituents in the Vale who have outstanding claims still to be paid.

He said: "It is very difficult for those individuals to explain their positions to banks — who have been understanding when it comes to borrowing and extending overdraft facilitates — when they are unable to secure information as to why their claim has been held up or how their claim is progressing.

"We need a statement to give us an understanding of how the department deals with these queries and what lessons have been learned."

Mr Davies said this does appear to have been a particularly difficult year.

Leader of the House and Vale AM, Jane Hutt, told Mr Davies that by April 27, over 98.9 per cent of claims had been paid at a value of around £219 million.

She said: "Wales's basic payment scheme 2016 payment performance is similar to Northern Ireland and compares very favourably with Scotland and England.

"The BPS payment window runs until June 30, with Rural Payments Wales doing everything they can to make all remaining payments as quickly as possible.

"They expected to pay all but the most complex claims by the end of April.

"The introduction of the new greening requirements for arable farmers has led to more complex inspections.

"The EC requires farm businesses subject to an inspection in 2016 to have their claim finalised before payment can be made. We can't comment on the functions of other paying agents."

MIKE PROSSER

Motorcycle misuse and mayhem targeted in the Vale

THE Safer Vale Partnership is aiming to crack down on the anti-social and illegal use of quad bikes and other similar vehicles in the Vale.

A small machine that has a petrol engine or mini motor, including quad bikes, scooters and GoPeds are classified as not suitable for use on roads or pavements.

The Safer Vale Partnership, an organisation made up of representatives including the Vale Council, South Wales Police, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, Wales Probation Trust, Glamorgan Voluntary Services and South Wales Fire Service, has received a number of complaints of such vehicles being misused in this way.

There have also been concerns about young children sitting on the laps of people as they operate bikes.

This behaviour is against the law – regardless of how small the bike is, how slowly it travels or the fact it might have been designed for children.

Section 185 (1) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 states that a quad bike can only carry passengers if it is designed to do so and has the right number of seats.

If a quad bike has only one seat, it is an offence for the driver to have a passenger on their lap or behind them while in control of it.

Though quad bike operators and passengers are not required to wear crash helmets, this is recommended for their safety.

Any concerns relating to suspected anti-social or illegal use of these vehicles should be reported to the police by calling 101.

Neighbourhood Watch AGM

THE Vale of Glamorgan Neighbourhood Watch Association annual general meeting will take place at 6.30pm on Monday, May 15 at Barry Fire Station, Port Road West, Barry.

The main speaker will be Steve Bartley from the Office of the Older People's Commissioner. There will also be further information on home security and how to deal with rogue traders. Refreshments will be available from 6pm.

All Vale of Glamorgan Neighbourhood Watch members and any interested parties of the public are very welcome to attend.

NEWS IN BRIEF

AM surgery

VALE of Glamorgan AM Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery on Saturday, May 13 at the Citizens Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street Barry, from 10am-11am; no appointment necessary

Marconi lecture

THE Barry Amateur Radio Society (based in Sully) will hold an exhibition on Saturday, May 20 from 10am – 5pm at St Lawrence Church, Fort Road, Lavernock.

Come and learn all about Marconi and the development of communication. Refreshments available.

Plant sale

COME along to Llanmaes Village plant sale on Sunday, May 21 in the grounds of Llanmaes village hall from 11am to 3pm.

There will be a good selection of bedding plants, shrubs, vegetables etc. Coffee, tea and cakes will also be served.

We are always grateful for donations of plants which can be brought along on the day; alternatively call Jackie on 07976 698325.

Vale AM 'praises' Welsh recycling

WALES is setting the pace in the UK in terms of waste recycling, states Vale AM Jane Hutt.

Ms Hutt said it is important to recognise the achievements of the local authorities which are doing particularly well in terms of waste collection.

She said at the National Assembly recently that Wales is leading the way and that the Welsh Government is supporting local authorities to recycle more.

"We recently awarded £3 million to help local authorities update their recycling methods, which of course takes into account frequency of collections and handling of dog waste.

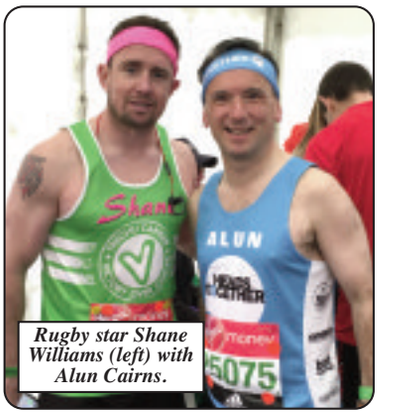
"We have to ensure that local authorities learn from each other and as a result of that deliver the best public services for local people."

Report by Michael Prosser.

For all the latest news from your area - glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Alun Cairns completes London Marathon

ON April 23, a record breaking 40,000 runners took to the streets of London to tackle the 2017 London Marathon.



Rugby star Shane Williams (left) with Alun Cairns.

Participating in the marathon for the sixth time was the-then Vale MP and now Parliamentary candidate, Alun Cairns, who finished as the fastest Cabinet Minister and second fastest Member of Parliament.

Completing the 26.2 mile course in 3 hours 36 minutes, Mr Cairns ran to raise money for the Vale of Glamorgan branch of Age Connects, and Heads Together – the Marathon's charity of the year, as championed by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry.

Thousands of other Welsh runners joined Mr Cairns at the Marathon, including international rugby star Shane Williams and Josh Griffiths who burst onto the world stage as the fastest non-elite runner.

Speaking after the race, Mr Cairns said: "The London Marathon is always extremely physically and mentally challenging, and this year was no different. The time I had available to train this year was much more limited than it had been in the past, so I was really quite nervous as to just how difficult I would find the course this year. Knowing that I was running for two such deserving charities really helped push me to the finish line!

"I want to give a huge thank you to everyone who has given their support and donated to my fundraising. I cannot wait to hand over the money raised.

"As ever, the support from the Vale and the crowd on the day was fantastic. I heard one man call my name and shout 'You're my MP – keep going'. I wasn't sure what he meant, either the marathon or in relation to the election. The high point was running over Tower Bridge at about 10 miles but by 20 miles, I was struggling. I had gone off too fast.

"It is fair to say that my training hasn't been as thorough as it would normally be. I have had to run around the Vale and London late at night. On one occasion I was running past Big Ben at 1am! Still, the outcome is worth it – the money raised for Age Connects, which includes Friends and Neighbours, as well as Heads Together, will help people locally.

"I am humbled when I see their work first hand. All my pain and suffering over 26 miles pales into insignificance."

Vale Stroke Group to feature 'inspirational' author John

A FIFTH meeting of the Vale Stroke Group, which was formed earlier this year, will feature author John Murphy.

The meeting will take place at Llantonian Hall on Tuesday, May 16, from 2pm until 4pm.

Organiser Liz Evans told The GEM she had been keen to invite Mr Murphy along to the group after he had spoken at a Stroke Association event.

"Mr Murphy has written a book about surviving a stroke called 'Tiny steps are better than none'. It has proved to be very inspirational."

There will also be a 'mind mapping' session which helps to improve memory.

Liz has been encouraged by the response to the group.

She emphasised: "It is a Vale group, so anyone who has had a stroke or is a family member of someone who has had one in the area is welcome to come.

"We have about 20 people, but are keen to increase numbers. Those attending have found it very useful to exchange experiences. We have also had a mix of ages that start from 40 years old and upwards."

If people would like more information, they can contact Liz on 07507 480620.

PACT meetings

GIBBONSDOWN – meet your local neighbourhood team at Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close, Barry, every Monday between 10am and 12 noon.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT at the Residents' Board Office, Coychurch Rise, Barry, on Tuesday, May 9 at 10.30am.

CASTLELAND – police will be holding a surgery at Morrisons supermarket on Saturday, May 13 at 10am.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting please contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk where you will find contact details for your local PCSO and you can contact them directly for non emergency matters.

Conservatives surge in Vale's local elections

The Vale local elections produced a night of surprises and Conservative gains.

A key moment on the night was when Conservatives Vincent Bailey and Leighton Rowlands took the Dyfan Ward in Barry shown being congratulated by the Secretary of State for Wales and parliamentary candidate, Alun Cairns, and Vale Conservative Leader John Thomas.

The former Leader of the Vale Council, Neil Moore (second from left), and Anne Moore, were returned in the Cadoc Ward.

THE local elections in the Vale on Thursday, May 4, provided a night and early morning full of surprises – and led to a return to power for the Conservatives, as long as they can find another councillor prepared to form an administration with them.

By the end of the count, they were one tantalising councillor short of full control after taking 23 of the 47 available Vale seats.

For the last five years Labour had ruled, supported by Llantwit First Independents.

Now Labour hold just 14 seats, although Llantwit First Independents increased their number of councillors from three to four.

A key moment in the count was when Barry's Dyfan Ward was announced. Previously held by Labour, two Conservatives were the victors, Vincent Bailey and Leighton Rowlands.

It heralded a Conservative push across Barry and other areas of the Vale.

Dinas Powys, once known as 'The People's Republic of Plaid', fell to the Conservatives. All three Plaid Cymru councillors, and the Dinas independent councillor fell to the blue surge.

Illtyd Ward in Barry, Labour for the last five years, returned Janice Charles, Tony Hampton and Marguerita Wright, all Conservatives.

In Rhoose, Adam Riley, an independent councillor who had been a key member of the Save Rhoose Library campaign, and was only elected last June, was beaten by Conservatives Gordon Kemp and Matthew Lloyd.

Despite a poor night for the Labour Party, former Vale Council Leader Neil Moore (Cadoc Ward, Barry) and former Deputy Leader Lis Burnett (Stanwell Ward, Penarth) were both returned.

As the Conservatives' momentum became apparent, there was speculation in the other parties that Theresa May's decision to go to the country in the general election, buoyant in the polls and requesting support before Brexit negotiations get under way, had fed into the local elections.

The sea change in the Vale Council is this: in 2012, the make-up of the council was Labour 22, Conservatives, 11, independents 7, Plaid Cymru 6 and UKIP 1; today it stands at Conservatives 23, Labour 14, Llantwit First Independents 4, Plaid Cymru 4, independents 2.

Over last weekend and early this week, the Conservatives were pondering who they could approach to form a new administration. There appeared to be three possibilities: the two independent councillors in Sully, Bob Penrose and Kevin Mahoney; Llantwit First Independents; and Plaid Cymru. The Sully councillors would appear to be the frontrunners.

So, who is your councillor? The Vale of Glamorgan Council election winners on May 4, 2017 (turnout 47.5 per cent) were:

Baruc Ward: Nic Hodges, Steffan Wiliam, both Plaid Cymru.

Buttrills: Owen Griffiths, Welsh Labour Party; Ian Johnson, Plaid Cymru.

Cadoc: Anne Moore, Neil Moore, both Welsh Labour Party; Rachel Nugent-Finn, Welsh Conservative Party.

Castleland: Millie Collins, Plaid Cymru; Pamela Drake, Welsh Labour Party.

Cornerswell: Rhiannon Mary Birch and Peter Graham King, both Welsh Labour Party.

Court: Bronwen Ellen Brooks and Sandra Davies Perkes, both Welsh Labour Party.

Cowbridge: Geoffrey Cox, Thomas Hunter Jarvie and Andrew Carey Parker, all Welsh Conservative Party.

Dinas Powys: Robert Crowley, Vince Driscoll, Steve Griffiths, Andy Robertson, all Welsh Conservative Party.

Dyfan: Vincent James Bailey and Leighton Owen Rowlands, both Welsh Conservative Party.

Gibbonsdown: Julie Aviet and Margaret Wilkinson, both Welsh Labour Party.

Illtyd: Janice Charles, Tony Hampton and Marguerita Wright, all Welsh Conservative Party.

Llandough: George Dennis David Carroll, Welsh Conservative Party.

Llandow and Ewenny: Christine Ann Cave, Welsh Conservative Party.

Llantwit Major: Sally Margaret Hanks, Gwyn John, Jayne Margaret Norman, Eddie Williams, all Llantwit First Independents.

Peterston-Super-Ely: Michael John Griffith Morgan, Welsh Conservative Party.

Plymouth: Ben Gray, Kathryn Frances Mcaffer, both Welsh Conservative Party.

Rhoose: Gordon Kemp and Matthew Lloyd, both Welsh Conservative Party.

St Athan: John William Thomas, Welsh Conservative Party.

St Augustines: Ruba Sivagnanam and Neil Christopher Thomas, both Welsh Labour Party.

St Brides Major: Stewart Thomas Andrews, Welsh Conservative Party.

Stanwell: Lis Burnett and Mark Robert Wilson, both Welsh Labour Party.

Sully: Kevin Phillip Mahoney and Bob Penrose, both independent.

Wenvoe: Jonathan Charles Bird, Welsh Conservative Party.

The full results of the local election are available on the Vale Council website.

AM blames Welsh Government for 'delayed arrival' of Qatar Airways

JANE Hutt has denied a suggestion that the Welsh Government was "six or seven years late" in securing a flights deal with Qatar Airways.

The Leader of the House and Vale AM was questioned on the issue by South Wales East AM Mohammad Asghar at the National Assembly.

He said that six years ago he had raised a business enterprise bill, placing strong emphasis on promoting the Welsh aviation industry.

Mr Asghar told Ms Hutt: "I heard very recently that the First Minister has arranged very close ties with one of the Middle Eastern airlines, which is going to start next year.

"Don't you think this is six or seven years late, but that this is still a backbone for our economy?"

He asked for a statement on aviation industry development in Wales.

Ms Hutt said it was "great news" that the airport had secured the deal with Qatar Airways for flights to Doha.

She said the Welsh Government had secured and sustained the airport and is continuing to develop it.

Ms Hutt said: "The aviation policy of the Welsh Government is clear, and is delivering, and will go from strength to strength.

"But it is important that we are able to take stock of those good news announcements."

GEM note: see page 10 of this edition for more information on the announcement.

A new arrival at the cat centre...

ABOVE: Lilly (left) and Lucy.

Bridgend Cat Centre at Bryncethin has many happy feline guests, but none more so than Lilly, who have birth to Lucy just three weeks ago.

Mother and daughter, as they say, are doing fine.

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DOGS TRUST APPEALS FOR VOLUNTEERS

STAFF at Dogs Trust Bridgend are appealing for volunteers and donations ahead of their annual summer fun day at Pencoed College Campus on Sunday, June 25.

The annual fun day helps raise 'pounds for hounds' while being a day out for two and four-legged friends alike, with activities including a fun dog show, tombola, raffle, family games and activities, and dog displays.

The rehoming centre is looking for volunteers aged 18 years and over to assist with stalls, the tombola, refreshments, organising activities and various other jobs.

Dogs Trust Bridgend is also appealing for suitable prizes for the tombola and grand raffle.

Donations from previous years have included food hampers, meal vouchers, shopping vouchers, days out and weekend breaks.

Dogs Trust Bridgend's Rhiannon Chamberlain said: "Volunteers are vital to Dogs Trust, particularly at our fun days which raise funds to help us care for the homeless hounds at our rehoming centre.

"We are looking for friendly, helpful and hardworking people who love dogs and want to contribute to a rewarding day.

"We are also hoping to receive some great donations for our grand raffle which is a real highlight of the day, and last year raised over £245, contributing to the overall total of £11,000."

If you are interested in volunteering at the Dogs Trust Bridgend Fun Day on June 25 from 11am – 4pm contact Rhiannon.chamberlain@dogstrust.org.uk. Alternatively you can call the rehoming centre on 0300 303 0292.

Qatar-Cardiff air route to launch in 2018

QATAR Airways Group chief executive, His Excellency Akbar Al Baker, recently announced the launch of a new service from Cardiff Airport, linking Wales and south west England to Qatar and significant global markets via Qatar's capital city Doha in 2018.

The airline has announced Cardiff Airport as the only new planned UK route in its network for 2018.

The service from Cardiff Airport will be the first regular direct long-haul flight linking Wales and south west England to a major global hub in the Gulf region, benefiting both leisure and business travellers.

Services will fly between Cardiff and Hamad International Airport in Doha, which since opening in 2014 is one of the world's largest hub airports with more than 30 million passengers using it each year.

Via the hub, Qatar Airways connects to more than 150 destinations across six continents including key routes to Australia, UAE, Thailand, India, Hong Kong, South Africa and China.

It is thought that the new service will stimulate inbound tourism to and from the region as a major gateway to the UK.

Deb Barber, CEO at Cardiff Airport said: "It has been a long journey to get to this stage, with discussions spanning a number of years. Over the coming months we will work with the team at Qatar Airways to confirm the details of the service and look forward to the flights being on sale in the near future."

Roger Lewis, chairman at Cardiff Airport added: "This is a 'game changing' announcement for Cardiff Airport and for Wales. The benefits of this relationship will be transformational for both businesses and passengers across the south west of England and for Wales.

"I look forward to returning to Doha in the near future to further develop this special bi-lateral relationship between Wales, the UK and Qatar."

New exec chef at the Vale Resort

AN executive chef, who has cooked for HM the Queen, Robbie Williams, Madonna and Bruce Springsteen, has been appointed to oversee all the restaurants and catering at The Vale Resort, including Hensol Castle.

Justin Llewellyn, the newly-appointed executive chef at the Vale Resort.

Justin Llewellyn (42), rejoins the resort, having previously held the post of head chef in 1999 for almost five years.

Before returning, he was the executive chef at Park Plaza Cardiff for four years, and was also resort head chef at the Celtic Manor Resort between 2007 and 2012, encompassing the 2010 Ryder Cup.

"It's wonderful to be back at one of the leading resorts in Wales, at a time when it is expanding rapidly," said Mr Llewellyn, who has been a chef for 26 years.

"Hensol Castle's development was a big draw for me, particularly the upcoming launch of a new destination restaurant overlooking the lake."

When Mr Llewellyn left The Vale Resort, the 400-year-old castle was derelict. It has since undergone a £10 million refurbishment, reopening in 2015 as a first-class conference and wedding venue. As part of that redevelopment, a 120-cover, top-end restaurant is due to be launched in the next 18 months, which will be a major project for the Cardiff-born chef.

"This new restaurant is going to be really special," said Mr Llewellyn, who has attended the AA Rosette Academy workshop, where chefs are tested on their culinary knowledge and ability to taste flavours.

"We're going to grow a lot of produce on the Hensol estate – our own vegetables and herbs – and we'll be using local suppliers and small, artisan producers as much as possible."

He will be overseeing the resort's three restaurants: the Vale Grill, its signature restaurant, which has an AA rosette; La Cucina, where the menu is inspired by Italian cuisine and the forthcoming Hensol Castle restaurant.

"We are so lucky in Wales to have access to so many good Welsh producers; by working closely with all of them it ensures our guests can enjoy fantastic, seasonal Welsh food each time they visit," he said.

"I've catered for major sporting teams and events before, including the 2010 Ryder Cup, and really enjoy the challenge these occasions present," said the chef, who first started cooking at his parents' bed and breakfast as a teenager.

"I'm a Welsh chef, cooking Welsh food for one of Wales' leading resorts. It doesn't get much better than that. It's hugely rewarding and I feel lucky to be paid to do what I love."

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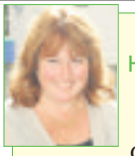
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HOST A BLOOMING GREAT TEA PARTY IN NEXT MONTH!

MARIE CURIE is calling on people across the Vale to hold a Blooming Great Tea Party in aid of the charity this June – with support from the county's own beauty queen.

From June 23-25, Marie Curie is encouraging people to get together with friends, family or colleagues to host a tea party, bake sale or special tea break to raise funds. The money raised will help Marie Curie provide vital care and support for people living with a terminal illness, and their families.

Hannah Leckie, Marie Curie community fundraiser in Cardiff and the Vale said: "Holding a Blooming Great Tea Party really is a piece of cake.

"Just pick a date, send out some invites and simply raise a cuppa between June. 23-25. You can choose to make everything yourself, or pop to the shops for some tasty treats; as long as you price each slice or put a donation box by the front door, you'll be sure to raise funds to help Marie Curie support people when they need it most."

Miss Vale of Glamorgan, Sophie Norris, who recently competed in the Miss Wales final, is also encouraging people to get involved.

Sophie (22) offered her support to the charity in memory of her grandmother, Mary Norris, who died at the Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth seven years ago.

She said: "I can only describe the care she received as amazing. Everyone here was wonderful, just the general feeling of the place was wonderful, we felt so comfortable as a family, even during a very difficult time."

Sophie enjoys baking in her spare time, and her speciality is drip cakes. She will be baking some of her own treats for her fundraising tea party, and plans to invite some friends she made while taking part in the Miss Wales contest.

To find out more and receive your fundraising pack, call 0800 716 146 or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk /teaparty

Miss Vale of Glamorgan, Sophie Norris, with Hannah Leckie.

Talk on memories of Llanharry and district

WELL-known local historian David J Francis of Llanharry will launch his memoir of Llanharry, Llansannor and district at Llanhari Primary School next Tuesday, May 16 at 1.30pm.

This new 52-page publication from Cowbridge History Society will be available at the launch price of £3, and the author will be present to sign copies. There will be entertainment from the schoolchildren and all are welcome to attend. The postcode for the school is CF72 9LQ.

Contact the secretary at dicktonkin@btinternet.com for further information.

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Cardiff College accountancy students 'surprised' at success

AAT students Jonas Bernardo, Abigail Hampton and Joseph Harvey.

A TEAM from Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) has come second in the Skills Competition Wales Accountancy contest finals.

AAT Accountancy students Jonas Bernardo, Abigail Hampton and Joseph Harvey beat off almost all comers to achieve second place in the six-team challenge.

Competitors were given a series of tasks including processing sales invoices and credit notes, completing books of prime entry, general ledger and subsidiary ledger accounts and create a PowerPoint presentation.

Student Abigail Hampton said: "I was nervous – we had only found out about the competition the day before so I didn't have a clue what to expect!

"The competition was called 'A Day in the Office' and we had to do all the things we would have to do in a normal working day for an accountant. We processed invoices, did accounts and then gave a presentation.

"I didn't think we would get anywhere so I was very impressed that we came second."

VALE TRIO ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE GORSEDD

THREE Vale residents will be honoured by the Gorsedd of the Bards at the Anglesey National Eisteddfod,

The honours, presented annually, recognise individuals from all parts of the country for their achievements and their commitment to Wales, the Welsh language and to their communities across Wales.

This year's individuals will be honoured at special ceremonies on the Eisteddfod Maes in Bodedern on Monday, August 7, and Friday, August 11.

The vale residents to be honoured are:

Nia Roberts

Originally from Anglesey, presenter, Nia Roberts now lives in Cowbridge. She is the daughter of the late actor and teacher, JO Roberts.

She is one of S4C's most familiar faces and a much-loved voice on Radio Cymru, with extensive experience of presenting live events and cultural events of all kinds, including the National Eisteddfod, the Urdd and Côr Cymru.

She also presents Radio Cymru's weekly arts show, *Stiwdio*. Last year, she received an honorary Fellowship for her contribution to the field of broadcasting by Bangor University.

Iwan Guy

Iwan Guy is from Cowbridge and is a well-known singer, conductor and teacher. A former national winner, he worked as a professional opera singer for years, performing with various opera companies.

Following an accident, he trained as a primary school teacher, and was influential both as a teacher and a headteacher in the south east, before being appointed as director of the NAHT union in Wales.

He continued his interest in music and has established and conducted a number of choirs and the Cowbridge Choral Society.

Rhodri Jones

Rhodri Jones, Penarth, has given a lifetime of service to Welsh as a second language education in south east Wales, spending 20 years as head of the department of Welsh at Barry Boys School, a teaching consultant with responsibility for Welsh as a second language in the secondary schools of Cardiff and the Vale and as an inspector with Estyn.

But his contribution to Wales is much broader than this, due to his interest in the traditions of Wales, especially folk dancing.

He has been a member of the executive committee of the Welsh National Folk Dance Society for decades and is one of the founders of Cwmni Dawns Caerdydd. He also organises national training courses.

The Anglesey National Eisteddfod is held in Bodedern from August 4–12. For more information go to www.eisteddfod.wales.

Return ticket for special bus

SOME of the Vale's most popular summer locations will be accessible from Cardiff on weekends and public holidays because of the return of a special bus service.

Penarth Pier and Cosmeston Country Park will see a more regular bus service during the summer months.

From April 29, Cardiff Bus's Route 91 will set out from St Mary's Street in Cardiff at 10.25am on weekends and public holidays, terminating at Cosmeston Country Park before heading back.

The last service of the day arrives back at St Mary's Street at 6.23pm.

It will stop at the Millennium Centre and Mermaid Quay in Cardiff Bay every hour before heading to Penarth Marina, Windsor Terrace, Penarth Pier and on to Cosmeston Country Park at half-hourly intervals.

The service will run on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holiday Mondays from Saturday, April 29 to Sunday, September 24 (inclusive) and is financially supported by both the Vale Council and Penarth Town Council.

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BCBC plea for more foster parents

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) is once again supporting Foster Care Fortnight (May 8 – 21) highlighting the need for more foster carers and demonstrating how foster carers are changing lives for the better.

In Wales, hundreds of new foster families are needed every year to care for children, with the greatest need being for teenagers, sibling groups and children with complex needs. In Bridgend, a 'parent and child placement scheme' is being developed..

Foster Care Fortnight is delivered by fostering charity The Fostering Network and the theme for this year's campaign is 'foster care transforms lives'.

Huw, who has been a foster carer for the past 14 years, said: "Being a foster carer means you open your home, give your time and lend your support to a young person at a crucial stage in their life. If that support helps them to develop, even by just a small amount, it can make a big difference to their future."

Tania, who started fostering by offering respite and emergency care, had her first 'parent and child' short-term placement just before Christmas last year.

Tania said: "I really enjoyed helping the young mum to look after her new baby. I enjoyed showing her how to do things in an easier way. I felt like a mum to the young mother and I'm glad I was able to help her."

Bridgend Foster Care is the local authority's fostering service.

Corporate director, social services and wellbeing at BCBC Susan Cooper said: "We are fortunate that the council has some very dedicated foster carers who work tirelessly to provide a safe and nurturing environment for the most vulnerable children in our county borough.

"However, there is an urgent need for more families to come forward, particularly families willing to take on siblings, teenagers and those with special needs."

Come and meet the fostering team!

If you have a spare room and are interested in fostering you can find out more at a series of roadshow events organised to support Foster Care Fortnight in Porthcawl, Maesteg and Bridgend. At the roadshows, people will be able to speak to local foster carers about their experiences with the fostering team on hand to answer any questions.

The next information session will take place on June 14 at 6pm at The High Tide, Porthcawl.

To find out more about this year's Foster Care Fortnight campaign visit www.bridgendfostering.co.uk or call 01656 642674 or e-mail: enquiries@bridgendfostercare.wales.

Toddlers are well looked after

Llanblethian Baby and Toddler group.

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LLANBLETHIAN Baby and Toddler Group continues to be well supported, and there is always a warm welcome to new families.

The group meets on Mondays in term-time from 9.30am to 11am at Llanblethian Church Hall.

The group would like to thank Waitrose for recent funding support.

There are lots of toys and crafts, 'circle nursery rhyme time' and a chance for parents or carers to chat over refreshments with fruit and snacks for toddlers.

Epilepsy Week begins May 16

A LITTLE spoken-about medical condition is affecting up to 23,000 people in Wales, and is responsible for up to 1,000 deaths a year in the UK.

Once referred to as "the falling sickness", little money is allocated to researching a condition known about for thousands of years. Rarely referred to publicly, except in extreme good or bad news stories, even many of those with the condition won't speak about it – for fear of being stigmatised.

It affects all people, all cultures, classes, gender, ages – though more prevalent in children and those aged over 65; sometimes genetic, sometimes as a result of illness, sometimes as a result of accident.

It is the second most common neurological condition, affecting 60 million worldwide – epilepsy.

This month sees International Epilepsy Week, and Epilepsy Wales will be hosting Epilepsy Aware at the Welsh Assembly on Tuesday, May 16 – an opportunity to meet with Assembly Members over a 'free buffet lunch' and to talk about the servicesavailable to people with epilepsy.

The event is open to anyone touched by or interested in epilepsy.

Discounted training for charities and groups

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) offers an extensive range of training courses specifically relevant to the voluntary sector.

A spokesperson said: "If you work or volunteer for a charity or community group, our courses are designed specifically for you. Prices start from as little as £20 per course for GVS member groups. If you are not a GVS member and you would like to join, the good news is that membership is free for groups with an annual income of under £15,000.

"Some of the courses GVS offers include introduction to sustainable funding, governing your organisation, minute taking, social media for beginners workshop, tackling twitter for beginners and setting up a Facebook page for your organisation."

"GVS can also design courses specific to your groups' needs and deliver them to an entire team on a mutually agreed date," the spokesperson continued.

"If you would like to find out more about the courses currently available, see the website's training page – www.gvs.wales/support-for-groups/gvs-training or contact GVS on 01446 741706; email enquiries@gvs.wales or see www.gvs.wales."

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Collecting a swarm of bees
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THE dry and sunny days are much appreciated by the bees; egg laying by the queens has now stepped up a level and drones (male bees) are in evidence.

Colony sizes do vary and some have really expanded very rapidly, as is evident from the swarm calls that have been coming in. No swarms have issued yet from here but I have to be alert, as no beekeeper is immune from this honeybee survival technique.

When honeybees swarm, it is the old queen that departs (with some 30,000 others on average) and as queen bees are not designed for prolonged periods of flight, frequent stops are made. This is when calls come in requesting help.

Very recently a call from the Whitchurch area of Cardiff presented two swarms alongside each other on the same tree. By good fortune they were at head height (five feet) and hanging in easy-to-get-at clusters.

A single cluster hanging nice and easy to get at can be dealt with thus: a collecting box is held close under them, then a smart tap or shake of the foliage will cause a good number of the bees to fall into your offered container. It is hoped that the queen will be among those shaken down!

You will then place your container on the ground under the tree; add a lid, leaving a gap so that bees will be able to enter or exit as they please. If the Queen is in your container the rest of the swarm will follow.

Why is this? Well, the queen does have a specific odour (a pheromone) that tells the bees where she is at all times.

Along with her there will be workers and they also start to produce a pheromone that will inform the bees left on the tree just where they are.

This worker pheromone is produced from a gland at the very end of the abdomen – the Nasonov gland – and to activate this signal the worker will cock her rear end into the air, open the said gland and start to rapidly fan her wings. Very quickly the rest of the swarm will follow.

However, if the queen is not in your container all the bees in it will head back up into the tree to join her.

There will of course be bees from this swarm out and about looking for a home and they will by default return to the very spot on the tree where they expect to find the queen plus their associates.

This is why the beekeeper must leave the container on site until the evening, when all flying will have ceased and all bees will be in the box.

Now because this call-out presented two swarms in close proximity; no shaking or smart tapping could be done, instead a container had to be held right close up and under the bees, then using a brush designed for such a purpose some gentle brushing of bees down into the container was carried out.

The majority of the bees in this swarm were soon collected, because the queen was successfully brushed in and the rest soon followed, making it a very easy task to accomplish.

Swarm number two could then be tackled in much the same way but without the fear of creating mayhem if things went pear shaped!

It is not usual to observe the queen when securing a swarm, but you do know she is there by observing the bees and their reactions.

These swarms will be sited temporarily at Fonmon before going to new beekeepers.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

'I have unfinished business,' SAYS ROWER TONY

Before conditions became too 'lumpy' in the Irish Sea.

TONY Peters, a member of Barry Yacht Club Sea Rowing Section and a local coastguard, took part in the Celtic Challenge – billed as 'the World's Longest True Rowing Race' at the end of April. Here, he provides his report on the race.

"The race went ahead on Friday. We were told that 1pm Friday would be the only time we could leave, as weather conditions on Saturday would be too bad to row.

"We were informed at the brief before the race, that it would be a bit lumpy going out and it would then flatten off but we would have to row hard as the sea would pick up towards the Welsh coast. Unfortunately the winds didn't give us a break, and they got worse throughout the night.

"The Celtic longboats handle the high seas extremely well, but the support boat gave most people seasickness.

"At first light we tried to change crews and the safety boat and the support boat tried, but it was deemed too dangerous and they were only willing to bring the rowing boat crew on board the support boat and retire from the race due to safety reasons.

"The rowers themselves would have carried on without any hesitation, as we only had about 25 miles to go. We managed approximately 70 miles which took us to Cardigan Bay. Out of the 13 boats that took part, only four made it to the finish line.

"It was one hell of an experience and while on the support boat, I told myself that I'd never do that again. I'm now planning for the 2019 Challenge. "I guess I have unfinished business!"

TONY PETERS

Out & About with The GEM

by GARETH JAMIESON
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BRITISH COMEDY DELIVERS LAUGHS... but is lacking in plot

It's hard to believe that in this age of glorious TV dramas, that once upon a time, not so long ago (or the 1980s) there were plenty of low-grade shows revolving around characters with a distinguishable (and slight far-fetched) trait.

One of those wasn't *Mindhorn*. However, it could easily have been, as a new comedy film of the same name revolves around the alter-ego of the man who brought the character – a character that could tell the difference between truth and lies thanks to his robotic eye – to life.

Richard Thorncroft was the actor, played here by Julian Barratt.

Having seen his career hit the skids after the success of *Mindhorn* goes to his head, Thorncroft becomes embroiled in a serial killer case when the killer, known as The Kestrel (Russell Tovey) tells police he will only deal with Detective Mindhorn.

Donning the character's distinctive eyepatch, Thorncroft teams up with DC Baines (Andrea Riseborough) to track down the murderer...

The notion of actors taking themselves too seriously is one that comedy often explores, and in Richard Thorncroft you have a luvvie for the ages.

Po-faced, taking himself and his craft too seriously, he is reminiscent of countless actors through the years and is a source of great amusement in *Mindhorn*.

Having seen his dreams of American success go south after an ill-advised drink on an episode of Wogan, Thorncroft's career hits the skids rapidly. So the chance to don the infamous eyepatch and leather jacket combo of the great Mindhorn is one he (begrudgingly) accepts.

So far, so funny – and the script, by Julian Barratt and Simon Farnaby, is at its most gloriously inane and comedic when poking fun at anything to do with the series and those involved, whether its the huge success afforded to one of Thorncroft's co-stars (a cameoing Steve Coogan) who stars in a spin-off from the series, or the Dutch stuntman (played with hilarious aplomb by Farnaby) who constantly beguiles and winds up Thorncroft.

These moments are tremendous, brought to life by a skilled cast.

Barratt, who found fame as one half of *The Might Boosh* alongside Noel Fielding, does a great line in pompous agitation and the character of Thorncroft affords him some hilarious moments as he returns to the Isle of Man (the series' filming location that Thorncroft rubbished in the aforementioned chat show appearance) to make peace with a former love and help the police find the killer.

Thorncroft is pitched somewhere between Alan Partridge's lack of self awareness and Ron Burgundy's lack of subtlety, and Barratt takes great delight in seeing Thorncroft's pomposity pricked again and again.

Both Coogan and Farnaby shine in supporting roles, both to a degree harmed by Thorncroft's previous self-aggrandisement and eager to return the suffering, while Richard McCabe's publicity guru offers up some laughs of his own.

But where the film is far less successful is tying these comedic elements into something resembling a plot.

The main action is over pretty early on, and once the plot starts unravelling it becomes weaker and weaker, with story twists and reveals underplayed to the point of ignorance - all feeling cribbed from a trashy B-movie where you would expect to see things coming a mile away.

It wastes the likes of Russell Tovey and Andrea Riseborough, their characters-by-the-books nowhere near as well-written as the actors inhabiting them deserve, while debut director Sean Foley does a decent job with the comedy, but elsewhere it feels 'made for TV' in places, lacking the magic to make it feel like a big screen experience.

It's a real shame, as it's one of the funnier films to have found its way into cinemas in the last year or so, and any opportunity to watch the likes of Barratt, Farnaby and Coogan work their comedy stylings is always appreciated.

Yet sadly, *Mindhorn* lacks quality elsewhere and while it raises genuine laughs, as a whole it just lacks that wow factor.

VERDICT – Often hilarious, when *Mindhorn* concentrates on skewering the world of acting and TV shows it soars like The Kestrel; when it falls into more by-the-numbers plotting, however, it's as underwhelming as a *Mindhorn* fight scene. The cast are good for many laughs, but there's nothing much else to it apart from that. Average.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: Alan Partridge – *Alpha Papa* (2013), *Sightseers* (2012)

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D982.

- **£2,000:** 182565.
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INDEPENDENT television production company, Betty, is looking for garden owners to take part in an series for Channel 4.

The show will be fronted by award-winning landscape designer Alan Gardner – 'The Autistic Gardener'.

Alan has more than 25 years' experience and has won awards at Royal Horticultural Society shows including Chelsea, Tatton Park and Hampton Court. Alan designs both high-concept and traditional gardens and attributes his perspective to the fact he has Asperger's Syndrome.

The production company wants garden owners living in and around Cowbridge who might be in need of a garden redesign.

The gardens must around 80ft and in need of a full redesign. Garden owners must want a unique, fun, yet functional, garden designed by a multi-award winning garden designer.

A spokesperson said: "We are looking for those who want transform their dull gardens but don't know how to achieve it."

Contact Susie on 020 7907 0896 or Joe on 020 7290 0234 or visit gardening@betty.co.uk.

WHAT'S ON, AND WHERE?

Over 50s group

CEFN GLAS over 50s group has many activities including tai chi and 'chair exercises'.

On May 12, Angela Todd from Bridgend CBC will visit to discuss the new recycling scheme.

For a cup of tea, a chat and to get some l information that affects you, go along to the Westward Community Centre at 2pm.

Family History in Bridgend

THE next meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History society will be on Monday, May 15 at the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig (CF32 9RF) and the speaker will be Mr Howard Mortimore, who will speak on the life and times of Paul Robeson.

Doors open 7pm, talk starts at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Free legal advice

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a legal advice session on Tuesday, May 16 from 10am to 12 pm.

The session will be held at Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry and no appointment is needed. If you are over 50 and worried about a legal matter (other than Criminal Law) just come along and have a chat to a legal team. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Valeways guided walks

ON Tuesday, May 16 at 1.30pm meet at Dyffryn House in the car park (near shop entrance) to visit the ancient burial chambers.

On Wednesday, May 17 the Coffee Shop Strollers of Barry will meet at the Romilly Cafe on Cold Knap at 10.30am. Meet in Cowbridge the same day at the Physic Garden fountain at 2.30pm.

May is National Smile month

ORAL health care for older people can cause problems because of medication, poor eyesight or disability with arms or hands.

National Smile Month in May is a campaign to help improve oral health and Cardiff and Vale Dental will be holding a session at Age Connetcs Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop on Tuesday, May 16 from10am to 12 noon when dental practitioners will be available to chat to and give advice.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information; no appointment needed.

Zumba in Pyle!

Zumba classes will be held at KPC in Pyle every Thursday from 10 am – 11am.

Like to lose a few pounds, to feel a bit fitter? Want to meet some new friends – do you want a New You?

The classes are free, but a voluntary contribution is appreciated. All ages/abilities welcome!

Come to KPC Youth, off Pyle Inn Way, Pyle (CF33 6AB) next to Pil Primary School; call 01656 749219, kpcyouth@hotmail.com for more information.

Art exhibition

PENTYRCH Art Group will be holding their annual exhibition at Pentyrch Village Hall on Sunday, May 21.

The exhibition will open from 10am until 6pm and admission is free. The group will be exhibiting over 150 new paintings and serving free refreshments during the day. There is ample free parking at the Village Hall and good disabled access.

Art exhibition in Dinas Powys

IT'S time for Dinas Powys Art Group to hold their annual exhibition and this year it takes place on the weekend of June 10 – 11, from 10am – 4pm. The venue, Dinas Powys parish hall, is a lovely space with plenty of room to browse the artworks and then relax with tea, coffee and cakes.

There will be an art table for children to create their own masterpiece, usually involving lots of glitter!

Visitors are always impressed by the high standard of the paintings on display and have the chance to vote for their favourite. As well as the general artwork, this year there will be a selection of images of Wales.

Commission from sales is donated to a local charity. Dinas Powys art group meets on either a Monday afternoon or Monday evening, with guidance from Barry artist Glyn Pooley. Come and sign up on the day!

Wenvoe craft fair

THERE will be a Spring craft fair at Wenvoe Community Centre (CF5 6AL) on Sunday, May 14, 10am to 4pm.

Entry is free and there will be 30 stalls selling a wide variety of goods

SOUTH WALES CAR SHOW

SOUTH Wales Classic Car Club's forthcoming show takes place on Sunday, May 21, at Cardiff City Football Club from 11am.

Hundreds of cars and commercial vehicles are expected, and there will be a full arena programme of demonstrations and comment provided by GTFM Radio. There will also be a chance to view classics for sale.

Full catering facilities are available and the show will be suitable for all ages. 'Dr Who' and the Tardis will be present, also a fairground and many other stalls.

Admission is £5, family £10 and concessions £3; proceeds will be donated to chosen charities.

For further details, see www.swccc.net.

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All aboard for the Cardiff Raft Race!

GEORGE Thomas Hospice Care, Cardiff's local hospice, is calling out to all budding sailors to support the centre as it once again stages the Cardiff Raft Race.

This year's event is sponsored by Wessex Nissan garage and takes place on Sunday, June 4 at Llandaff Rowing Club. Hundreds of local spectators are expected to watch the race which always attracts teams in full fancy dress, such as pirates, spacemen and Vikings.

The race is open to everybody over the age of 16 and it costs £50 to enter a team of between four and 10 rowers. Teams have to build their own rafts and there is a prize for the best design. Advice on raft building is given.

Starting at Llandaff Rowing Club, rafters have to row upstream for 1,200 metres, turn around a buoy and race back again.

Last year's winners, The Pencae School Dads designed a spaceship raft and defeated the previous year's winners, The Royal Exchange Pub, in a very close finish.

If anybody would like to enter a team, see www.gthc.org.uk or email nicky.piper@gthc.org.uk.

'Target hardening' is helping victims of domestic abuse

A SCHEME offered by the Safer Vale Partnership that helps victims of domestic abuse remain in their own homes, has proved a big success.

'Target hardening' helps make homes more secure through the installation of specialist door locks, intruder alarms and, in some cases, CCTV.

These measures also act as a deterrent to perpetrators, helping the victim feel to more comfortable, hopefully meaning they don't need to use sheltered accommodation.

The elimination of domestic abuse is one of the priorities for the Safer Vale Partnership, an organisation made up of representatives including the Vale Council, South Wales Police, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, Wales Probation Trust, Glamorgan Voluntary Services and South Wales Fire Service.

Between April 2016 and January this year, 69 properties in the Vale received target hardening, and the feedback from recipients has been excellent.

One person reported a perpetrator coming to her home address in breach of a restraining order. Images were obtained by police, the perpetrator pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 20 weeks in custody.

Andrew Nash of Vale Council fire and security said: "It is great to be part of this service, which helps and supports residents in the Vale, especially when they express how valuable this service is to them. The training that was provided to our team really highlighted the issues that victims face on a daily basis."

Chefs and students enjoy a Michelin-starred masterclass on seafront

James Sommerin with the students.

ON April 24, Michelin-starred chef James Sommerin welcomed top Welsh chefs and catering students from Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) to his restaurant on Penarth seafront.

The Chefs' Forum event was staged to showcase flair and skill that have earned him three AA Rosettes, an impressive Good Food Guide ranking (24) and most recently, a Michelin Star.

Catherine Farinha, event organiser and founder of The Chefs' Forum said: "James' versatile, personable and expert skill set made him the ideal mentor for the day, inspiring the young chefs to help out with The Chefs' Forum event on their day off.

"The students' enthusiastic attitude was duly noted by James and the industry guests who attended.

"The students gave an excellent impression of themselves and in representing their college."

Twelve students from CAVC helped prepare canapés and set up the event for 60 guests from across Wales who came to get a glimpse of James' abilities.

James said: "The students tried really hard today and coped well with some complex tasks given to them. It was clear that they were inspired and that was great to see. I would be more than happy to consider applications from students at Cardiff and Vale based on today's performance."

Joyce Harvey, chef lecturer at CAVC said: "Today's Chefs' Forum event was an excellent opportunity for our students to experience working in a Michelin-starred kitchen and front of house environment. They were able to showcase their skills learned in college in a realistic environment and it was fantastic to see offers of stages and trial shifts being offered to students by industry guests who attended.

"The students will now be supported in following these up."

The Chefs' Forum continues to hold quarterly events in Wales and the next event will be at Celtic Manor on July 24. The autumn event will be with Stephen Gomes on October 30 at Moksh, Cardiff Bay. Any chefs wishing to attend or get involved should contact catherine@redcherry.uk.com.

COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

RESIDENTS are invited to attend the regular Plaid Cymru advice surgery on Saturday, May 13 between 11am and 12pm at the Community Room, County Library, King Square, Barry with any local issues they may wish to discuss.

Plaid Cymru Councillors Ian Johnson, Nic Hodges, Shirley Hodges and Steffan Wiliam will be joined by newly elected Plaid Cymru Councillors Millie Collins and Mark Hooper.

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As few as five years ago, polycarbonate would have been the main choice for a conservatory roof.

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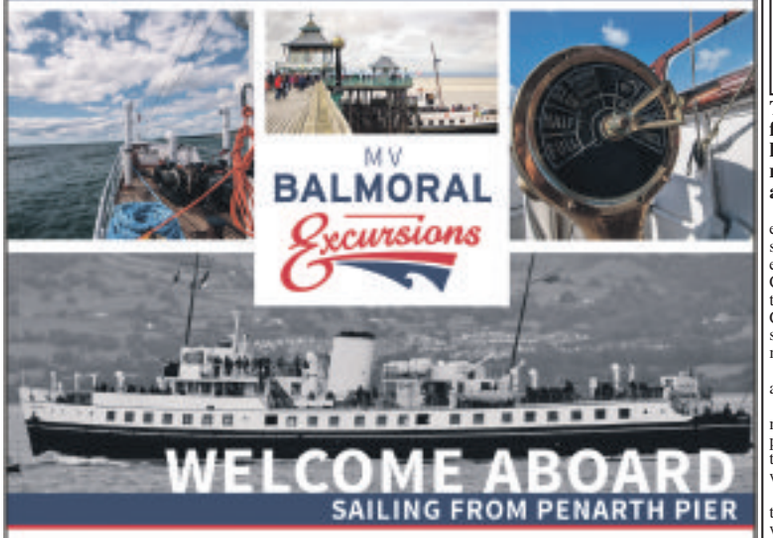

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Could Sully councillors hold balance of power?

TWO councillors from Sully could hold the key to a new Vale Council administration.

By the end of the local election count, which started on Thursday evening at Barry Leisure Centre, and went well in to Friday, the Conservatives were one seat short of an overall majority.

They had 23 of the 47 available Vale seats.

The Conservatives need one councillor, and preferably even more, if they are to establish a working coalition.

It seems unlikely that the Conservatives would work with either a grouping of Plaid Cymru or Llantwit First Independents.

There was speculation that independent councillors Bob Penrose and Kevin Mahoney, who fought off a Tory challenge in Sully, could fit the bill.

Coun Kevin Mahoney told The GEM: "I'm clearly delighted that the people of Sully, Lavernock and Cosmeston have returned independent councillors.

"As representatives we worked hard over the last five years to reflect the interests of local people."

Coun Mahoney said it was clear that a surge in Conservative support was allied to what was happening in national politics.

He added: "I think it's important that independents are elected in local elections as a means of 'checks and balances' to parties who have proven political interests."

Councillors Kevin Mahoney and Bob Penrose who won the two seats in the Sully Ward.

AM's assistant is chosen to fight the Vale for Labour in election

THE Labour Party has announced that Camilla Beaven will be its candidate in the general election on Thursday, June 8.

Ms Beaven grew up in Barry and Cowbridge, and attended local schools before studying at Exeter University and in Italy.

She returned to Wales and worked in special education, developing an interest and expertise in autism.

She now heads Jane Hutt's office in the Welsh Assembly.

Launching her campaign this week, she explained: "I've lived in the Vale almost all of my life. I grew up in Barry and Cowbridge and now work for our Labour AM Jane Hutt, fighting every day for the most vulnerable and standing up for local people right across the Vale.

"This isn't just any community to me and this isn't just any election. This is my home and I'm standing here because I want to give something back to the people and places that have helped shape me."

Assembly Member Jane Hutt said she believed Ms Beaven would inspire people to support her.

"I am proud of Camilla. She is a dedicated, caring and compassionate person.

Camilla Beaven launched her campaign this week.

"Camilla has the energy, vitality and skills which I believe will inspire people to support her on June 8.

"Most importantly, she brings to the constituency her commitment to the community where she grew up and was educated – at Romilly Primary and Cowbridge Comprehensive Schools, now serving as a school governor at Y Bont Faen.

"Camilla champions the needs of people in the Vale and I am delighted to support her on June 8."

In the 2015 election, Conservative Alun Cairns was returned polling 23,607 votes. Labour's Chris Elmore, the nearest challenger polled 16,727 votes.

READERS' LETTERS

Tinkinswood fire reported to the police

The blaze at the ancient burial site.

FURTHER to the letter last week from Mr Annis, I also witnessed the fire within the Tinkinswood burial chamber.

When I asked the man to put the fire out, he gave the same excuses.

We were out clearing the footpath with Prince's Trust volunteers who were very shocked at the incident.

I reported the fire to CADW who visited the site soon afterwards, and they reported the details to the police.

Let's hope the couple think again before they burn any more letters.

Rebecca Exley, Valeways Volunteer Co-ordinator, Barry.

Thanks to all who helped after fall

ON Thursday afternoon (May 4) coming home after voting in the election, my husband had a fall on the corner of Rectory Drive, St Athan.

I would like to thank everyone who helped and stayed with him until the ambulance arrived.

Everyone was so kind, it puts one's faith back in human nature. Many thanks, once again.

Christina Davies, Barry.

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Information via (Figures correct as of April 2017)

Local press launches new 'Fighting Fake News' campaign

IN the run up to this year's Local Newspaper Week, local press publishers are coming together to launch the first-ever print and digital campaign against fake news and highlight the very high levels of trust that readers place in local newspapers.

Launched on May 3, Fighting Fake News will see local newspapers across the UK carry editorial and graphics highlighting the industry's highly trusted credentials and the importance of local newspapers in reporting on the upcoming general election.

Papers will highlight the checks and balances involved in reporting local news and the investment required to produce local journalism, as opposed to distributing fake news to profit from opaque programmatic advertising.

The campaign will also highlight the highly-trusted environment which local papers provide for advertisers and commercial partners, following an open letter to advertisers from publishers in the 1XL network earlier this month.

Coordinated through Local Media Works, the local marketing arm of the News Media Association, Fighting Fake News will run up to and complement Local Newspaper Week which highlights local newspapers' ability to make a difference for their communities through campaigning.

News Media Association chairman Ashley Highfield said: "The critical role of local newspapers in providing local communities with highly trusted news and advertisement platforms is even more important than ever in the run up to the general election.

"Through their reporting, local newspapers uphold, promote and support democracy, fighting against the fake news which undermines and subverts it. We must champion the vital democratic function of local newspapers now, more than ever."

Fighting Fake News will run up to and through Local Newspaper Week (May 15-21) which, through Making a Difference, will see the local newspaper industry come together to celebrate the campaigning achievements of local newspapers.

As part of the activity, members of the public will be invited to vote for their favourite local newspaper campaign from a showcase of 28 powerful Making a Difference campaigns on the Local Newspaper Week website.

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The 1st Cowbridge Scouts had fun with the hot air balloon.

Up, up and away (well not quite) for Cowbridge Scouts!

THE 1st Cowbridge Scout had amazing afternoon on the field behind the scout hut on Saturday, May 6, thanks to Peter Mossman from Chepstow with his hot air balloon.

There were stalls with teas and cakes, tombola and lots of games to play. The fun day was for the Cubs and Beavers to help with their flight badges.

The hot air balloon was put up on a short tether for the children to see. Unfortunately, it was too windy to stay for long.

Everyone had a great afternoon and we made a little money for the Scout group as well. We would like to say a big thank you to Peter for donating his time to us, and to Peter John at David Johns for lending fencing to keep the public safe.

Many thanks to Linda, Michelle, Sarah, M and M, and all the leaders who gave up their day to help. We hope that everyone who came to watch enjoyed it as much as us.

Christine Mallett, Cowbridge Cub Leader

Lions say 'thank you!'

LLANTWIT Major and Cowbridge Lions Club would like to say a big thank you to all who supported, participated in and helped with the May Fair.

It was great to see so many people of all ages there having a good time.

There are many photos on the Club's Facebook page, including one of the winner of the Baby Competition, taken by Dave Edwards! *www.facebook.com/lmandclions/*

Those who were there on the day very generously put £1,463 into the collecting buckets. This will go to Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club Charitable Trust Fund (Registered Charity No. 1148806) and be used to help those in need, primarily in the local area.

In addition to these donations, money was also raised from the Lions' burger stall, tea tent and children's 'Ring a Bell' as well as the pitch fees from stallholders. The burger stall was particularly popular and had a record day.

The next event for Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions will be the Victorian Fayre day in Llantwit Major on Saturday, June 24.

If you think you might be interested in joining Lions you can call 0845 833 6763, e-mail info@lmandclions.org.uk or visit Facebook www.facebook.com/lmandclions.

JOHN ANDREW
Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions

HERITAGE BUSES ON THE ROAD IN BARRY

ON May 7 the heritage bus group based at The Bus Depot, Barry, held their 25th anniversary Running Day, opening their depot to visitors and giving free rides on some of their preserved vehicles.

This included for the first time a member of the group offering to give rides on a 59-year-old Leland PD2 from the north east town of Wigan.

Others operating included their ever popular (now 53-year-old) open top Cardiff double deck bus, a 51-year-old Newport Atlantean, and a former 1996 minibus that used to operate in the Rhondda Valley.

Mike Taylor, the heritage bus groups chairman said: "For our 25th anniversary we had our best Running Day yet. The sun came out, which helps, and from talking to our visitors, a lot of families came from the local area and it was good to see so many children travelling on our heritage buses.

"Visitors came from all over south Wales and some from Bristol and Manchester. A grand day was had by all. Our next event is the larger classic car and bus Barry Festival of Transport on Sunday, June 11."

The Cardiff Transport Preservation Group started in 1992 when it secured two vehicles; now it has around 40 and membership has risen from the original three to six when the charity was formed, to 205.

The Cardiff Transport Preservation Group celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year at The Bus Depot, Broad Street, Barry. For more information see our website: www.ctpg.co.uk.

Lifeguards' Easter egg hunt

LLANTWIT Major Surf Lifesaving Club's annual Easter egg hunt took place on April 15 at Llantwit beach.

The sun was shining and the Easter Bunny had been hard at work. There was a great turnout and 30 beautifully hand-painted rocks had been placed around the beach.

Whoever found a rock got to keep it, and also had an Easter egg as a prize.

Again this year, the event was free and was sponsored by Watts & Morgan, along with Atlantic Crossfit in Barry which also kindly donated eggs, so a very big thank you to them.

While the 'hunting' was taking place, the club put on bacon sandwiches, burgers and refreshments, with the added bonus of lots of chocolate goodies.

There were many happy faces throughout the afternoon and we also raised £400 for the club.

A very big thank you to the sponsors, Emma Kaye for her artistry and all our other little Easter helpers!

VICKI WIGGINS

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Ystradowen WI holds its AGM

THE May meeting of Ystradowen and District WI had 29 members gathered for the annual general meeting in the village hall.

Even in the absence of a speaker, the evening still produced an interesting mix.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read out, approved and accepted. President Jan Foyle reported back on the recent visit to Duffryn Gardens and it was obvious from comments that it had been a tremendous success.

A recent lunch at the Bryn Owain was also much enjoyed by members.

The group had again been invited to volunteer as stewards for the Glamorgan Show on Saturday, July 22.

The president reported on the council meeting she had attended at Port Talbot and said it had been interesting and informative.

The speakers, Dame Rosemary Butler and Helen Sharman, gave a fascinating insight into their very diverse lives, the former as the Speaker of the Senedd, and the latter an astronaut.

The group were reminded of the variety of events in the coming months, including archery and shooting, Tunisian crochet and something called Foot Golf!

The two resolutions put before WIs nationally, 'Keep Microplastic Fibres Out of Our Oceans' and 'Alleviating Loneliness' were discussed. The members heard the arguments for and against the two subjects which affect us all, and voted appropriately.

The annual financial statement from treasurer Pam Robins reported that the group was in a sound position and that the membership has now risen to 36.

Minute secretary Barbara Richards gave her annual report and it brought back some warm memories of a very full year.

The WI representative for the election of president was Claire Gunning, who congratulated the group on reaching its 30th anniversary and then produced a photograph of a very pretty little girl. It was Claire in the year the group were formed!

She also reminded members that in that year, the Channel Tunnel came into being, IKEA came to the UK, Margaret Thatcher was the dominating figure in politics and Van Gogh's *Sunflowers* sold for millions.

Jan Foyle was again elected president, to everyone's delight. All in all, it was a diverse and thoroughly enjoyable evening – as little bit like Ystradowen and District WI itself.

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PONTYCLUN FC CELEBRATE AS THEY LIFT THE PREMIER DIVISION TITLE

There was delight for Pontyclun FC on Saturday as they lifted the South Wales Alliance Premier Division title. The club rounded off a successful season with a 1-0 win against Merthyr Saints, thanks to a James Gronow goal, and SAME OLD SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO was on hand to capture the match action and the post-match celebrations!

All pictures by Same Old Smith Photography (sameoldsmith.com, Twitter @sameoldsmiths)

Llantwit Warriors battle at Cardiff Arms Park

ON a beautiful sunny day, Llantwit Major Warriors (under-12) headed off to Cardiff Arms Park to play in the final of the Blues Cup.

All the Warriors, players and parents alike, were very excited and quite nervous. Their opponents for the final were a very large, very strong Treorchy Zebras side.

The first half of the game was competitive from both sides, with some hard tackles and great running play, creating tries for both teams - the half-time score was 17-17.

The second half saw Treorchy score two quick tries.

The Warriors fought hard to stay in the game, but in the long run, Treorchy Zebras were just too big and strong for our Warriors. The final score was 42-17 to Treorchy.

We'd like to say a massive thank you to all parents, brothers, sister, grandparents and friends who came to Cardiff to support us, helping us make it an awesome day.

Llantwit Warriors have played amazingly and have had such a fantastic season, topped off with a final at Cardiff Arms Park. We are all so very proud of you all.

Squad: Aneurin Price, Ben Godfrey, Caleb Beare, Charlie Hurdman, Corey Lougher, Cristian Parry, Dylan Morgan, Dylan Wright, Evan Harris, Griff Davies, Iwan Thomas, Jamie Jenkins, Josh Wakeham, Kyle Griffiths, Logan Pike, Olly Williams, Owen Hill, Rhys Davies, Rhys Greenaway, Sam Alexander, Sam Harry (c) and Tomas Roberts.

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LLANTWIT MAJOR 10K REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

REGISTRATION for the Llantwit Major 10K is now open.

The third Llantwit Major 10K (10K, 5K and 1K) takes place on Saturday, August 26, beginning with the trail run 5K, followed by the scenic, yet challenging, multi-terrain 10K main event and finishing with a family 1k race.

The 10k and 5k take place in the beauty of the local area and the heritage coast.

Llantwit Major 10K entry is open to runners aged 15 years and over, costing £15 (or £12 for runners affiliated to a Welsh Athletics club), the 5K (open to all ages) is £7 and the 1K (open to all ages, mainly children) £2.

The 10K is strictly limited to 500 runners, so early entry is advised.

The Llantwit Major 10K is licensed by Welsh Athletics, chip-timed and professionally measured.

Race headquarters for 2017 will again be Llantwit Major Rugby Club and its playing field, where refreshments, food, entertainment and the family 1k run will all take place.

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ON Sunday, May 7, the Llynfi Valley Vintage Club held a road run in aid of The British Heart Foundation – and raised £545.75!

Twenty-three vintage tractors and two 4x4 vehicles left Wiggleys Fun Farm just after 10am.

The route covered 23 miles through Llangynwyd, Maesteg Town, Lletty Brongu, Llangeinor, Blackmill and finished on the top of Mynydd Y Ger mountain.

Tom Thomas and his son Steve said that it was the first run that they had organised and was one that Tom had wanted to do for a few years.

Tom had a four-way heart bypass operation more than 20 years ago and he said he owes so much to all involved at Morriston Hospital.

We would like to thank everyone for giving up their free time and making it a very successful day. A massive thank you to Dai Rees of Wiggleys and to Andy from Llangeinor Arms for the donation of a meal for two that raised £36. Our final thanks go to Sian and Sarah for the wonderful food.

Steve Thomas

Volunteers' hard work gives club a new pavilion

THE sun was shining over Southerndown when Vale AM Jane Hutt visited the Southerndown Cricket and Social Club recently.

She viewed the newly-refurbished cricket pavilion, provided thanks to the hard work of volunteers and the Great Western Cricket Club.

She congratulated the trustees of Southerndown and members and supporters of Great Western who have worked hard over the past year to refurbish the pavilion and secure a lease for the grounds, which are now in great condition for cricket to resume play.

A spokesperson said: "Developing social activities is a key part of this local community venture with a successful Easter egg hunt organised before Easter and the potential for lots of family activities."

From left: Joe Merry, Jane Hutt AM, Bob Hopkins and Tim D'Arcy.

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ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad	1. Bydd **Brookfield Avenue, y Barri** ar gau wrth ymyl rhif 2 Brookfield Avenue (grid 313257 169732) am 20m i gyfeiriad y gogledd-orllewin, a 30m i gyfeiriad y de-ddwyrain. 2. Bydd Meadow Vale, Y Barri ar gau o'r gyffordd gyda Coldbrook Road i'r gyffordd â Brookfield Avenue. **Ni fydd trefniadau hyn i gau'r ffyrdd mewn grym ar yr un pryd.**
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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(BROOKFIELD AVENUE (PART) AND MEADOW VALE (PART)) BARRY (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2017

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location	1. Brookfield Avenue, Barry will be closed adjacent to number 2 Brookfield Avenue (at grid 313257 169732) for a distance of 20m in a north westerly direction, and 30m in a south easterly direction. 2. Meadow Vale, Barry from its junction with Coldbrook Road to its junction with Brookfield Avenue. **These two closures will not be in force at the same time.**
Reason	To allow Coldbrook Flood Management improvement works to take place.
Duration	From 7.30am on Monday 22nd May 2017 for a maximum 18 months
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The Vale of Glamorgan Pool League round-up

THIS Sunday, May 14, sees the Vale pool team host their first home WPA interleague county fixture.

The team, captained by James Hill, will entertain Neath in a top of the table clash. Under James' stewardship the Vale are on their way to promotion, and so far they have completed three away fixtures.

A very good 18-18 draw against Porthcawl. was followed by a tough and hard-fought win against Caerphilly C, final score 20-16, and their third match was against the young Carmarthen Dragons with the Vale coming out on top with an empathic 28-8 win.

The Vale players that have impressed are Ryan Rowlands, captain James Hill, Graham Avient, Jamie Stanton, Ian Hill and Shaun Smart.

In the league, the Billy continue to dominate, but this week they were held to a 5-5 draw against the Whitchill, with Ian Roberts, Mark Ingram and Ceri Morris shining for the Billy.

But, it was man of the match, Barry's number one Chris Bardsley, who stole the show, winning all his matches easily.

In his first game he broke and cleared up all in one visit against John Farrugia, who could only watch and applaud the craftsmanship of Mr. Bardsley.

It's been a busy week for Chris and his partner Laykan who gave birth to their beautiful daughter last week.

The league sends their congratulations to all and wish them a long and healthy future.

In the other outstanding fixture, Cocopops beat the Borough 6-4. The Borough were looking for a win after three of its team had recently represented Wales in the European Championships in Bridlington, coming a very respectable fourth.

In game two Mike Dunn broke and cleared up, making it look so easy. His opponent Gavin could only look on from his chair with admiration.

With good performances coming from captain Graham and Ade Ledbetter, a valuable eight points was earned by the title-chasing Cocopops.

Presentation night is fast looming and the league are looking for local businesses to sponsor some of the cups.

The next season starts in July and we are looking for new players and new teams to sign up, players of all capabilities are welcome.

Please text Joe on 07870 498738 or email valeofglamorganpool league@gmail.com.

JB

NEWS FROM THE SEA VIEW LADS

OVER recent months anglers have seen the highs and lows of fishing.

Some local competitions have seen weights as low as a few pounds taking the honours with many competitors weighing in just ounces, while on other days winning bags have been close to 30lb!

The lads still persevere though and thankfully the fishing at the moment is looking promising.

The summer species such as rays and dogs predominate with some nice smoothounds livening up the occasional session.

As the weather improves more species will continue to come and visit our shores.

Not all members are satisfied with the catches on our doorstep though - many go the extra mile (or thousand) to have the chance of that fish of a lifetime.

Norway and the Canaries have been regular destinations and a recent foray by several members to Fuerteventura saw some excellent rays around the 100lb mark, monkfish to 40lb and hounds over 30lb being caught from the shore.

The social activities keep on coming and getting better.

The recent mystery trip saw 35 anglers leave Barry in the early hours for a day of intrigue.

Fishing the glamorous venue of Burnham on Sea in glorious sunshine, 11 anglers actually caught fish.

Thomas Williams' two dogfish took top place on the day but who cares about the fishing when the lads are having an away day and such fun?

The shore section has persevered in recent years in spite of occasional poor support but numbers are improving and competition is again hotting up.

Any anglers that enjoy sea angling and want the opportunity to socialise with like-minded people are welcome to join us.

The boat section, which has suffered in recent years with poor support, seems to be undergoing a rejuvenation and additional dates have been added to this year's calendar.

We have several more shore events being planned in addition to the weekly competitions and it is good to see some early members re-joining along with new faces.

JC

Barry Chess Club hold championships

WE recently completed the Barry Chess Club Championships.

Going into the final round there were three players with a chance of winning the trophy and two players who could win the Plate.

On top board Chris Green took on competition leader Sam Jukes. Next to them Ken Hannah had the black pieces against John Stephenson.

Sam and Ken led the table with three wins and a draw each. Chris was a half point behind so to win he needed to defeat Sam and hope that John could defeat Ken.

In the end, both games ended in draws. This would give me a headache in my eforts to separate them on tie break.

I checked online for a long time to try to establish how the byes earned by Chris and Dave Parsons would affect the tie break but couldn't find a definite answer.

I checked with our recognised adjudicator, Kevin Staveley, who confirmed that byes are an issue.

I already knew that. I spoke to Mark Wakeham, an established online club secretary, who agreed with my understanding.

The rules of the tournament make no reference to byes so in the end I felt obliged to include them in my calculations.

Therefore the winner was Sam Jukes with a tie break score of 11.75 against Ken's score of 11.5.

Chris and John were also both unbeaten but due to too many draws, they ended up in fourth and fifth place respectively.

In the Plate I fully anticipated defeats for both of the contenders. Summer Cooke duly obliged, losing to Stephen Bonutto.

Dave Mahoney started the day a half-point behind Summer so his draw against Peter Watkins brought him level with Summer.

Both players had a tie break score of 3.5. In the end I awarded the trophy to Summer by virtue of a better rating performance. Her win over Peter in round four proved crucial.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

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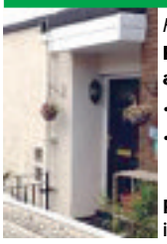

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ON AND OFF THE TURF WITH BRIAN LEE

HUNT-RACING enthusiasts will be saddened to learn of the death, after a short illness, of Abergavenny's Eddie McGuinness who had been involved in the sport as an owner and breeder for more than 40 years.

The names of Newcastle Brown, New Part, Another Winnie, Definitely It, Mangans Turn and more recently the Karen Williams-trained Mount Prospex, which won a division of the aged maiden open race at the Glamorgan Hunt Steeplechases, will be familiar with many hunt racing enthusiasts.

Mount Prospex's trainer Karen Williams said: "Eddie will be remembered for being a stalwart racing fan and the most enthusiastic gentleman around Wales and the Border circuit. He could be found every Sunday morning at the gallops with the largest pair of binoculars to ensure he didn't miss a thing."

Eddie once had a very young lad lead up one of his point-to-pointers at a meeting and that young lad was Welshman Sam Thomas, who went on to ride the winner of the famed Cheltenham Gold Cup!

He was responsible for giving the legendary champion rider Polly Gundry her first ride at a Welsh point-to-point and he recently wrote a book about his time as a drummer in a local Welsh band.

Eddie was too ill to attend the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point at Ystradowen on March 25 to see Mount Prospex win but he listened on his mobile phone to a running commentary with great delight.

He is survived by his widow Irene and three children and his funeral will be held at Croesyceiliog Crematorium on Friday, May 26, at 12 noon.

ANOTHER WIN FOR EVAN DAVID

Llanharan's Evan David, riding Jon Joela for Andrew Pennock, won the open maiden race at the Enfield Chase Hunt Steeplechases over Bank Holiday Monday, and at the Berkeley Hunt Steeplechases David Brace's Dunraven Blue, partnered by Richard Patrick, won the two-and-a-half mile maiden race.

Lorcan Williams also rode a winner at the meeting on Kit Barry.

RIDER'S TREDEGAR DOUBLE

Clerk of the course, Tim Jones, had plenty to smile about at the Tredegar Farmers' Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at picturesque Lower Machen on Sunday.

His team's efforts to get the course in tip-top condition after the recent dry spell were rewarded with a bumper crowd and the former three times Welsh champion rider (1988, 1990 and 1994) had the pleasure of seeing two horses that he owns and bred, along with Tredegar Hunt stalwart John Rees, namely Ruperra Tom and Massini's Dream, both win their respective races under Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, who is having a cracking season.

The best turned-out Ruperra Tom, who like Massini's Dream is out of Cathy's Dream, recovered from a broken pelvis last year to run out an eight lengths winner of the Subaru Restricted from January Don (Richard Patrick) and in the Young Horse Maiden, Massini's Dream came home some 30 lengths ahead of Captain Kennit (Bradley Gibbs) to provide 2011 Welsh champion rider Nick Williams with his first double as a trainer.

Jones, who has never really had the credit he deserved as being the first rider to win a point-to-point and a hunter chase on Norton's Coin, which went on to win the 1990 Cheltenham Gold Cup at odds of 100-1, can rest assured that his late uncle Howard Jones M.F.H (1929-2017), who worked so hard to keep this meeting on the fixture list, would have been proud of him.

Five runners faced the starter for the Welsh Long Distance Mens Open Race over three miles and five furlongs and Desertmore View (Lorcan Williams) soon had them strung out.

However, four fences from home, Really Unique (Byron Moorcroft) went to the front but by the time the next fence was reached the odds-on favourite Sir Du Bearn (James Bowen) was in the lead and went on to win by 25 lengths.

This was the fourth win on the trot for Sir Du Bearn, who was apparently so exhausted that he didn't return to the winner's enclosure.

The Tredegar Farmers Cup Ladies Open Race was won by Roger Willcox's versatile Patricktom Boru who, under Jodie Hughes, won by six lengths from last year's winner and favourite Watch The Birdie (Hannah Lewis).

The pacemaking Hold Court (Isabel Williams) was a further three lengths away in third spot. "He ran them ragged," said Jodie on dismounting and who just loves riding this 10-year-old bay gelding by Brian Boru.

Mr Willcox said: "Jodie gets on so well with the horse and she gave him a terrific ride."

There were 33 entries for The SD James Construction Ltd Open Maiden which was divided on the day and both divisions were won by horses trained by Pembrokeshire's Amber Mathias.

The first division went to Way Wild West a nine-year-old bay gelding owned by The Just The Wan Club who, under Bradley Gibbs, won by three lengths from the hooded Blue Tinker (Byron Moorcroft) and the second to Lukes Hill, also a nine-year-old bay gelding, who, well-ridden by Ben Jones (son of legendary Dai Jones) in a handy position throughout, went on to win by two-and-a-half lengths from TheBossOnTheHill (Craig Dowson) in a time which was two seconds faster than Way Wild West had taken to win the first.

David Brace's horses have been in fine form of late and his home-bred six-year-old bay gelding Pink Eyed Pedro, confidently ridden by Richard Patrick, gave him his third win in a week when coming home 10 lengths ahead of the early leader Equity Swap (Lorcan Williams) in the Confined Hunts Hunts.

Mr Brace OBE later saw his grandson Connor Brace, aged 16, win the 148cms open pony race on his Don't Tell Dai. The 138 cms open pony race went to Edward Vaughan, aged nine, son of Vale trainer Tim Vaughan.

EVAN'S WARWICK DOUBLE

Llancarfan's Evan Williams had a 55-1 double at Warwick on May Day Bank Holiday Monday, when his top weighted *Aerlite Supreme* landed the Racing UK Now On TalkTalk TV Handicap under Tom Scudamore at odds of 4-1, and later in the day when his *Market Road*, partnered by Conor Ring, took the JRFB Ltd Conditional Jockeys' Handicap at odds of 10-1.

However, Evan and his wife Catherine were at the Banwen Point-To-Point where they saw their daughter Isabel finishing second in the ladies' open race on *Buck Mulligan*, who was beaten just a length by *Patricktom Boru* owned by their friend Roger Willcox.

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Beloved son of the late Jack and Vivienne and brother of the late William Stephen 'Benji'. It saddens the friends of Johnny to announce his death on Friday, 28 April 2017. Johnny passed away peacefully in his sleep in the University Hospital Wales, after a short illness borne with great courage.

The friends of Johnny would like to express their sincere gratitude to hospital staff for the wonderful care and consideration shown to Johnny.

It was Johnny's express wish that he be cremated and that there be no funeral service. His cremation will take place at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 9PX at 4pm on Friday, 12 May.

There will be an opportunity for friends to celebrate Johnny's life at Cottrell Park Golf Resort, Cardiff, CF5 6SJ at 3pm on Friday, 19 May and also at The Sloane Club, London, SW1W 8BS at 3pm on Friday, 9 June.

Tributes and memories can also be left at http://john.gilbart.muchloved.com

DEAR
Linda (née Priestley)

Linda lost her battle following a long illness. Much loved wife to Alan, mum to Mary. Daughter of the late John and Phyllis Priestley, sister to the late John, Paul and Malcolm. Sister-in-law to Helen, Susan, Marilyn, Suzanne, Jaquline, the late Jimmy and Robert. Aunt to all nephews and niece.

Missed by both her families and all her friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until a celebration of her life at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, May 15th at 12noon.

No completely black dress wear please. No flowers, donations to Velindre (Brain Cancer Care) and Marie Curie please.

SHIER
Beryl

Passed away suddenly at the University Hospital of Wales on Sunday, April 30.

Beryl will be sadly missed by her devoted husband, children, family and friends.

Funeral service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium on Thursday, May 18 at 2pm. Family flowers only please, donations may be made to RNLI at the service or can be sent to Park Funeral Directors, Barry.

HILL
Mervyn

Dearly loved husband of Wendy, much loved father of Mike, Deb and Inge and grandfather of Thom and Finn. Sadly passed away at home with family in Swansea on 30 April.

Funeral Service at 2pm on Tuesday, 23 May at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

No flowers please, donations if wished to the Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales on the day or by telephone (01656 724100).

PERKINS
Gerald

Suddenly but peacefully at his home on April 28th, Gerald of East Aberthaw. Much loved dad of Geraldine, Adam and Paul, loving grandfather to all his granchildren.

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JONES
Thomas Morgan

26th September 1928 to 1st May 2017.

Suddenly but peacefully after a short illness, at the University Hospital of Wales on May 1, Tom, aged 88 years. Beloved husband of the late Phoebe and much loved father of Stephen and Lynda. Adored grandfather to Melanie, Felicity, Louisa, Stephen, Lloyd and Liberty. Devoted great grandfather to Curtis, Chiara, Sophia, Mitchell, Caiden, Lincoln, Casey, Mia, Bibi, Ellie-Mae and Dylan. Deeply cherished by Anne, Jo, Des, Rhys, Hannah, Sarah, Stez and James.

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RALPHS
Dennis John

Peacefully passed away on April 27th in Kamo, New Zealand at the age of 68. Dearly loved son of Maureen and the late Colin Ralphs. Loved partner of Sharon, his late wife Gaylene and his children Sean and Kimberley.

Adored and loved by his grandchildren Caleb, Killarny and Anahera. Also much loved brother to Angela, Cathy, Hilary, Beryl and Andrew and their partners.

Dennis will be greatly missed by all his family and friends who loved him.

GOULE
Brian John

Suddenly at Llandough Hospital on May 3, Brian, aged 71 years. Beloved partner of Iris, loved father of Alexis, Robert and Tony. Cherished gramps and bamps to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Brian will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Tuesday, May 16 at 2.15pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for The British Heart Foundation will be collected on the day.

KELLAWAY
Henry (Jack)

Peacefully on April 30th at College Fields Nursing Home, Barry - Jack, aged 96 years. Well known amateur radio enthusiast (GW3 CBA), husband to Joyce, a much loved dad, grandad, and great grandad.

Jack will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the private chapel of The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Tuesday, May 16 at 11am.

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Love from daughters Annette & Jean and son Christopher xxx

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William

The family of William Morgan would like to thank Lyndsay J Ellis of The Vale Funeral Services and Andrew Murphy of Cariad Celebrations for making the sad occasion of dad's funeral a lot easier to bear.

Also, we would like to thank everyone who sent messages and cards of condolences.

RIDDICK
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Any person wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to The Licensing Team, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU not later than 28 days after the date of this notice (as below). Representations received after this date will not be considered.

A copy of the application can be viewed at the Licensing Authority's address during normal office hours.

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Signed: **M. Davies**
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DATE BY WHICH REPRSENTATIONS MUST BE MADE: 2nd June 2017

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Vale Cup finals conclude with some real thrillers!

THE Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League continued their cup finals with the junior finals getting underway on Friday, April 28, with the Year 10 cup final for the Steve Williams Trophy between Barry Athletic and Sully Sports.

Sully Sports took a two-goal advantage into the second half in a close game. Barry Athletic continued to try and remain in the game looking for goals but in the 39th minute the game was put to bed with Sully's third goal, the final score 3-0.

Sully's goals came from Adam Nilsen (2) and Tom Jones.

The juniors again took centre stage the following day with the Year 8 cup final for the Billy Butlin Trophy between Cowbridge Town Reds and Sully Sports Scorpions.

Cowbridge Reds took a two-goal lead into the second half and, much like the Year 10 final, Sully tried to get back into the game.

Sam Sully struck on the 38th minute to make the score 1-2 but it proved to be a consolation goal only.

Cowbridge Reds fought back to get another three goals to make the final score Cowbridge Town Reds 5, Sully Sports Scorpions 1.

The Cowbridge Town Reds goalscorers were Akka Guwy, Steffan Evans, Ifor Rees, Benji Mulcahy and Craig Tapsfield.

The last Senior League divisional trophy was up for grabs on Sunday afternoon with Premier Division's ASRS Cup on the line in a match between Cowbridge Town FC and Vale United FC.

The first half ended 0-0 in a very tight but open game, and for 38 minutes of the second half the match was very much the same, barring a seven-minute spell between the 49th and 56th minutes where all the goals came - and they all belonged to Vale United.

Jack Dummett was first to strike on the 49th minute with a nice shot squeezing past the Cowbridge Town keeper.

Four minutes later Ryan Jenkins' attempted cross was hit (or mis-hit) with enough precision to take it over the Cowbridge Town goalkeeper for 2-0.

Finally, in the 56th minute Jay Tominey hit a shot from just outside the area to make it the final score Cowbridge Town FC 0, Vale United FC 3.

Thursday, May 4 was the Year 11 final for the Junior Cup between Barry Athletic FC and Sully Sports FC. Barry Athletic took a two goal lead into the second half and hopes of a Sully comeback were dented with Barry Athletic's third goal a minute into the second half.

Despite a spirited fightback from Sully Barry Athletic went on to get a further three goals. Final score Barry Athletic FC 6, Sully Sports FC 0, goalscorers Joe Allwood, Luke Vowles, Harri Edwards, Rhys Woolmer and Cian McArthur-Williams (2).

The following night the Year 7 Final took place for the Brian Riseborough Memorial Cup between league champions Cowbridge Town Reds and Cowbridge Town Blacks.

Cowbridge Town Reds took the lead on the 4th minute but Cowbridge Town Blacks pulled level on the 18th minute leaving the game balanced 1-1 at half-time.

A tight second half saw Cowbridge Town Blacks take the lead thanks to an own goal. While the game looked over, Cowbridge Town Reds managed to get the equalizer putting the game into extra-time; however no further goals were scored meaning a penalty shootout was required.

Cowbridge Town Blacks had their first three penalties saved. Cowbridge Town Reds scored missed and scored their third to put themselves in control. Cowbridge Town Blacks scored their fourth but Cowbridge Town Reds scored their fourth to win the shootout 3-1, making them double champions.

An overcast morning on Sunday, May 7 saw the final junior cup final take place. The Year 9 final for the Harry Gratton Trophy was between league champions and SWFA under-14 cup winners Barry Town United FC and Dinas Powys Wolves, who were league runners-up.

Wolves took the lead via a Kyle Booker goal after seven minutes. Barry Town FC got back into the game on the 25th minute, making it 1-1 at half-time. However, the second half was all Barry Town United as they notched four goals, making the final score Barry Town United FC 5, Dinas Powys Wolves 1. Barry Town United FC goalscorers were Joseff Rosser and Niall Chinn (4).

The sun managed to shine for the final cup final, the prestigious Barry Cup which was between the Premier Division champions Vale United FC and runners-up AFC Rhoose.

Vale United thought they had taken the lead on the fifth minute only for the goal to be ruled offside.

Vale were edging the game slightly and nearly took the lead on the 19th minute with a ball across the box, but no attacking player followed up to put the ball into the net.

AFC Rhoose finally got themselves into the game with the game's first goal on the 35th minute through a goal from Chris Bolton. A minute later, however, the game was turned on its head with a red card for AFC Rhoose, as a late tackle saw the Vale United captain injured and substituted.

After deliberation between the referee and the assistant, Dale Bevan was sent off for AFC Rhoose. While seemingly a game-changer, AFC Rhoose managed to stay in the game and hold back Vale United, only for their hard work to be undone by a long-range effort by Rhys Edwards.

A long chip from 25 yards saw the ball strike the bar only to rebound into goalkeeper Scott McMillan's hands and go into the back of the net. For the third final in a row, the half-time score was 1-1.

AFC Rhoose battled hard to stay in the game and catch Vale United on the break in the second half but Vale put the game to bed with two goals in the 61st and 73rd minutes from Alex Gregory and Jay Tominey respectively, the final score AFC Rhoose 1, Vale United 3.

As is traditional with the Barry Cup, a man of the match is picked and receives the Brian Riseborough Golden Boot award; this year the honour was bestowed upon Vale United's Joe Williams.

This win made Vale United FC treble champions with the league shield, league cup and Barry cup. They now go into the SWFA playoffs for promotion to the Alliance League for the 2017/18 season.

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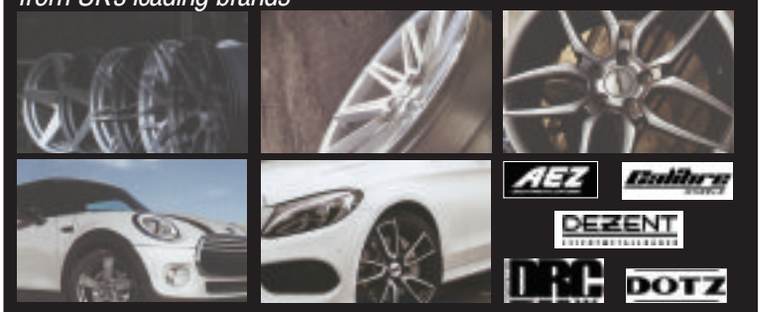
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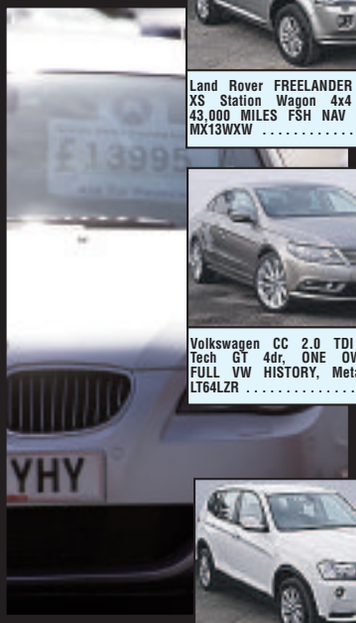

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Andy Murray was exceptionally pleased to meet Rhydian Phillips recently.

Wimbledon fever hits tennis club!

SO the sun is now shining, and warmer days have returned for the Cowbridge Tennis Club members.

Although early in the season, thoughts have already to Wimbledon in July. One benefit of club membership is reserved entry to the Wimbledon tickets draw each year and to mark the occasion, the club held a friendly tournament on May Day bank holiday.

After a few hours of fun with juniors and seniors all playing together, the winners were Sarah Penketh and Rhydian Phillips (our club ambassador) with Jenny Lord and David Buick as runners-up.

Sarah Matthews took away the prized men's final tickets in the draw and several other excited members are looking forward to their dose of strawberries and cream in the summer.

In a related piece of news, Cowbridge Tennis Club's aforementioned ambassador, Rhydian Phillips, was on hand at the Monaco Open tennis tournament to give a young Scottish lad (*see above*) some coaching tips from our very own mercurial Alan Duggan that he hopes to see him put into practice at Wimbledon!

The club has a thriving membership and there are opportunities for all to play most nights, Saturday afternoons and ladies mornings so you can play where you feel most comfortable.

The mens, ladies and junior teams have commenced their first summer league matches (match reports to follow in The GEM).

We are a friendly, family-orientated club and are always welcoming new members.

More detailed information is available on our website http://cltc.webs.com, or please call our coach Ian Duggan on 07919 816609.

DB

Ath youth in play-off action

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC RFC youth, winners of the Ospreys youth league, play Dragons youth league winners Senghenydd RFC in the semi-final of the Welsh youth league play-offs on Saturday, May 13 at Taff Wells RFC, kick-off 2.30pm.

AB

Vale of Glamorgan Football League news round-up

ON the final weekend of the Vale League, the Barry Cup was decided, along with the champions of Divisions One and Two.

We start at Jenner Park where, on Sunday afternoon, Vale United completed a famous treble as they defeated AFC Rhoose 3-1 to lift the trophy.

Rhys Edwards, Alex Gregory and Jay Tominey scored to win the cup as United added the Barry Cup to the ASRS Cup and Premier Division Title.

Barry Athletic B clinched the Division One title after they came from a goal down at half-time to win 2-1 against Cadoxton Barry, Ben Graham and then Dan Morgan with the winner.

Athletic B pipped Barry Belgrade by two points to complete a league and cup double.

Elsewhere in Division One, Dockers were victorious 4-2 over FC Pumas.

In Division Two, Cadoxton Imps were confirmed as champions with a 2-2 draw away to Penarth Town B.

Imps had all but won the league last week with their vastly superior goal difference, but this point sealed it.

Barry Saints finished just one point behind Imps after a narrow 3-2 win over St Athan B.

Island Marine B ended the season on a high note with a 7-1 demolition of BVFC.

There is one more game left to play which took place last night (Wednesday), with SP Billy looking to finish third in Division One if they can get past Cadoxton Athletic.

Vale champions Vale United passed the ground criteria this week and are now entered into the play-offs for promotion to the SWFA Alliance League.

The games are to be played on May 16/17, with a 'last-chance saloon' game on May 20 – all games are at Treforest.

Finally, with the Welsh League season over, two Vale clubs are celebrating.

Barry Town United were crowned Welsh League Division One champions to return to the Welsh Premier League, while Llantwit Major sealed the Welsh League Division Three title this weekend, a sensational achievement. Congratulations to all involved.

HD

Cowbridge Bowls Club round-up

THE ladies, again, took the honours last week, winning two of their three games.

The first of these games was at home to Llantwit in a Cowbridge Shield game.

Cowbridge won by just five shots overall but by winning on all three rinks gained maximum points.

Llantwit scored 14 on each of their rinks but were beaten by a single shot on two rinks and by three shots on the third rink.

The result was in doubt until the final bowls were played. A good game to play and to watch!

Match score Cowbridge 47, Llantwit 42.

Next up was the first league game of the season at home to Millwood from Barry. Cowbridge were keen to build on their success of 2016 and the team did not disappoint, winning well on all three rinks and earning maximum points.

Rink scores: Diane Purnell, Phyllis Price, Sylvia Hole and Helena Snelling 17-13; Lynda Wilson, May Jones, Kay Edwards and Shirley Wilkinson 26-10; Sandra Collin, Jan Lewis, Diane Lloyd and Sue Flower 20-15. Match score Cowbridge 63, Millwood 38.

In contrast, in a two rink Evening League game away at Dinas Powis, Cowbridge had trouble with a cross wind and strong opposition and lost on both rinks.

Match score: Cowbridge 18, Dinas Powis 35.

The men played their last friendly midweek game away to Pencoed and, although managing a win on one rink, were well-beaten on the other three.

Match score: Cowbridge 46, Pencoed 77.

For the first of their Carruthers Shield games Cowbridge men were away to Caerau Athletic.

Although Cowbridge competed well in the early stages, their younger opponents were too strong for Cowbridge in the latter stages.

Match score Cowbridge 60, Caerau Athletic 103.

Finally, the draw for the clubs internal competitions have been made.

Some of the preliminary matches have to be played this month - members should check the notice board.

MB

Cowbridge RFC news

PRIDE of place this week has to go the brilliant win by the youth team at the Arms Park against Rumney in the final of the Cardiff & Vale Cup.

All those present were treated to a huge defensive effort and snapping up of chances against a team that had swept all before them.

Congratulations to the players and the coaches superbly led by Richard Harris.

This Saturday Cowbridge entertain Wattstown in a hugely important game, kick-off 2.30pm on the old school field.

Your support would be a massive boost to the team who have done so well this season. If we defeat Wattstown we will definitely finish third in the league, a great achievement

There has been a change to the guest speaker for the club dinner on May 19 due to Nick Williams' playing commitments, but we are in for a great night.

We have invited sports writer, author and television pundit Peter Jackson, described as a 'true legend' of sports journalism when he retired from the Daily Mail in 2009.

Peter did a lot of his early reporting on rugby here in Wales. He continues to write and of course is well-known as an outspoken guest on Scrum 5.

We have also invited Rhys Williams so a special evening awaits. Please confirm your attendance as soon as possible to Rob Price, Rob Vaughan or Rich Killick.

RK/RV

DAY TO FORGET FOR SECONDS

COWBRIDGE second XI's match last Saturday, away against Gorseinon, is one that needs to be forgotten about as quickly as possible.

It would be fair to say that it was a one-sided affair as Gorseinon excelled in all facets of the game, resulting in a 143 run victory.

In splendid conditions, with an excellent wicket and with relatively short boundaries, knowing what a good score would be was difficult to assess so upon winning the toss, the Cowbridge captain elected to field first – the first mistake!

Gorseinon's opening batsmen played aggressively from the outset and put on 40 for the first wicket, which fell to Heath Webb.

It was well-deserved given the way he had bowled and the opportunities he had created. John Gilbert picked up a second wicket shortly thereafter but from then on it was a case of 'chasing leather'!

Gorseinon's third wicket partnership of 178 in 25 overs was both brutal and faultless and despite the efforts of the team, the runs could not be restricted.

Two wickets were picked up in the opposition's final over but an excellent innings of 122 not out by the opener Miles Murphy was the backbone of Gorseinon's formidable total of 246 for 4 in 40 overs.

An excellent start would be required to chase down such an imposing total and with the reliable duo of Dave Gascoyne and Jonty Webb opening the batting there was hope, albeit limited.

Gorseinon's bowlers bowled well and with some excellent ground fielding they made runs difficult to come by.

The openers put on 63 for the first wicket before Gascoyne (40) was dismissed trying to up the run rate and when Webb (17) followed shortly after, victory was no longer a realistic outcome.

No further partnerships or individual contributions of note followed and Cowbridge were dismissed for a disappointing 103 runs in the penultimate over of their innings.

Gorseinon are a good side but so are Cowbridge. The defeat by such a large margin is hard to take but it will be forgotten about quickly as the team travel to Pontardawe Park to play Llandarcy on Saturday, hoping to return to winning ways. **JS**

Penllyn Bridge Club

AT the AGM of Penllyn Bridge Club, the Robert Brown Cup for 2016/2017 was presented to Allan Evans & Keith Price with 45 points.

In second place were Marian East & Barbara Easterbrook with 41 points, and in third place Judith & Colin Nunn.

RESULTS FOR APRIL

Thursday, April 6 (21 pairs) - 1st Allan Evans & Keith Price 70.54%, 2nd Judith & Colin Nunn 67.06%, joint 3rd Viv Roberts & Joyce Hollway and Wayne Stephens & Mary Wallis 56.75%

Thursday, April 13 (10 pairs) - 1st Helen & Mike Ruttley 62.5%, 2nd Marian East & Barbara Easterbrook 60.42%, 3rd Allan Evans & John Lord 59.72%.

Thursday, April 20 (18 pairs) - 1st Judith & Colin Nunn 74.72%, 2nd David & Marian Stephenson 65.06%, 3rd Diana Lewis & Vicki Long 60.8%.

Thursday, April 27 (17 pairs), Robert Brown Cup - 1st John Lord & Jo Ilsley, 71.79%, 2nd Myrtle Hansard & Julie Evans 64.69%, 3rd Phil & Lou Edwards 59.29%. **CN**

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Cowbridge Firsts' historic run chase

THE Athletic Ground has been the scene of some excellent cricket in its long history, but there can be little doubt that in scoring 304-1 to defeat Gorseinon on Saturday, another piece of history was made.

A less-than-impressive bowling and fielding display in the first innings by Cowbridge had allowed the visitors to set the gargantuan target of 302.

Indeed, one former Cowbridge cricketer was moved to describe it as 'tatty'. However, conditions for batting were particularly benign, as the pitch, while wearing a greater grass cover than has been the norm in recent years, in cricketing parlance, played like a 'road'.

This pitch, allied to a fast outfield, created such perfect conditions for batting that high scoring was always going to be the theme of the day.

Yet even allowing for the opportunity to score runs quickly the task that faced Cowbridge at tea was the need to score the highest total ever made in a second innings of a first XI league match.

In any circumstances it would be a big ask but coming off the back of a monumental collapse the previous week, it seemed unlikely to the supporters that there would be cause for celebration a couple of hours later.

To say that the batsmen were sublime might be an exaggeration, but only a small one. The three who created the victory have class and experience aplenty and they each were very aware that only a positive approach would get them home.

As ever, Tom Merilaht played the role of anchor man, batting through to accumulate 121. Tom's solidity was essential as it allowed Ben Wright to scorch his way to a quickly-scored 86 and at drinks Cowbridge were in the driving seat.

Even though the rapid innings of Ben was cut short by an lbw decision, Jonathan Hubsmidt then made a classy 69 on home debut.

Hubsmidt, in particular, was guilty of peppering a home in The Broadshord which was not appreciated by the resident. It was a pity that the gentleman was not aware of what was being achieved as the supporters looked on with growing confidence.

The win was achieved in the 46th over and the first XI moved up to fifth in the First Division after just two weeks.

For the statistically-minded, the match produced two records. In addition to it being the highest second innings score since league cricket began it was also the highest match aggregate.

The previous highest chase was 288 in victory over Hirwaun when John Tierney made 144 not out in 1995 and the highest aggregate was 581 when Cowbridge played a benefit game against Glamorgan in 1994.

While it's true that further heroics will be necessary for Cowbridge to become champions, it is hard to see any other club having a batting line-up capable of scoring the sort of total achieved last week.

This Saturday the first XI are home against Gowerton. **JB**

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NEW SEASON SERVES UP WIN

MONDAY, May 2 saw the start of the summer season for the Cowbridge ladies' tennis doubles.

The Cowbridge ladies' first team, who were recently promoted to Division 2, played a hard match against Cardiff Castle.

After playing on newly-laid clay courts for over three hours, the Cowbridge ladies - Gill Rideout, Dace Repke, Kirsty Heald, Natalie Morgan, Claire Davies and Ela Williams - came home with a 5-1 win!

Any ladies wishing to play tennis at Cowbridge Tennis Club come along on a Tuesday evenings 6.30pm-8pm; matchplay practice on Wednesdays 7pm-8pm. **KH**

COWBRIDGE RFC YOUTH LIFT CUP AT ARMS PARK!

COWBRIDGE RFC youth travelled to Cardiff Arms Park to contest the final of the Cardiff and Vale District youth cup against their old foes Rumney on Wednesday, May 2.

The game kicked off with Cowbridge playing into the swirling wind. Cowbridge dominated the first 15 minutes and pinned their opposition deep in their own half.

Rumney conceded several penalties and Ioan Lewis slotted home to give the Vale boys a 3-0 lead. Cowbridge continued to dominate and constantly posed threats out wide.

From their-10 metre line the ball was moved early to Max Cunnington in the centre and with superb footwork and acceleration, the Cowbridge flyer left several defenders clutching at thin air to score a magnificent solo try. Ioan Lewis converted for a 10-0 lead.

Rumney, urged on by a partisan crowd, struck back almost immediately. Following a series of penalties, the ball was driven up to the Cowbridge five-metre line.

A clean lineout resulted in a text book catch and drive and an inevitable score. A missed conversion left the scores at 10-5 to Cowbridge.

The second half saw plenty of changes in the Rumney personnel but a similar pattern to the game.

Cowbridge forwards continued to boss the physical battle while the backs looked dangerous every time they moved the ball wide.

Once again, as Cowbridge drove play deep into the Rumney 22, a series of penalties were conceded resulting in a lineout 10 metres from the line.

This time Cowbridge's execution at the lineout was decisive and from the resultant drive, the magnificent Craig Boxhall touched down.

Ioan Lewis added a superb touchline conversion to stretch the lead to 17-5.

As the game moved into the final quarter, Rumney threw everything at the Cowbridge line but the defence was outstanding as time and time again the Cowbridge boys drove their opposition back and forced critical errors.

Predictably, the final quarter also saw a few cheap shots and subsequently both sides would finish the game with 14 men.

However, this was to be the Vale boys' day and as the final whistle rang across the Arms Park, Cowbridge had secured a totally deserved 17-5 victory.

Huge thanks to all who turned up to support the boys. Finally, from all involved within the youth family, a heartfelt thankyou to the departing third years, all making their final appearance in a youth jersey.

Squad: George Thomas, Craig Boxhall, Ellis Simon, Jack Anderson, Cameron Roy, Ellis Reed, James Holder (c), Joe Davies, Hywel Williams, Ioan Lewis, Jac Roberts, Max Cunnington, Fraser Mcgann, Harrison Stevens, Evan Williams, Tom Evans, Max Lucas, Mathew Keating, Josh Evans, Harrison Ashby, Sam Bluck, Ryan Williams, Jake Cannon. **RV/RK**

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, May 2, the Edmondes Arms hosted the ladies' singles knockout competition.

The competition had 10 entries and it proved to be a very competitive evening of darts.

The two successful players, who will compete in the final to be played on June 11, are Pam Adams (Farmers Arms) and Amanda Edwards (Victoria Inn).

Pam Adams defeated Lynda Smith (Edmondes A) 2-1 in her semi-final while Amanda Edwards won 2-0 against Joan Burt (Red Lion), last year's runner-up, in hers.

Present league standings, after 24 matches, are: Edmondes B (153 points), Six Bells Inn (135), Highwayman Inn (132), Llanharry (130), Edmondes C (110), Edmondes A (108), Farmers Arms (99), Hairy Farmers (98), Victoria Inn (92) and Red Lion (23).

Next week (Tuesday, May 16) a full set of league games is scheduled. The Edmondes B hosts the Edmondes A, the Hairy Farmers hosts the Victoria Inn, the Edmondes C hosts Llanharry, the Six Bells Inn hosts the Farmers Arms, and the Highwayman Inn hosts the Red Lion.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk. **PJT**

Title delight for Pontyclun FC

There was delight for Pontyclun FC on Saturday as they lifted the South Wales Alliance Premier Division title - see more pictures from SAME OLD SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO on page 23.

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